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Clinton backs free trade as route out of recession

Japan and Germany must change their ways if the world is to enjoy prosperity and not descend into depression, says President Clinton

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton last night launched an impassioned plea for the West to work together to boost world economic growth or face a 1930s-style depression. He promised that Washington would reject protectionism and urged Japan and Germany to join America in acting as the engines of global prosperity.

In his first key speech on international economic policy, Mr Clinton made his most outspoken comments in support of free trade only days after repeating his commitment to protecting American companies from what he has called unfair subsidies for European concerns such as Airbus Industrie. He called on Americans to "compete, not retreat", and strongly rebuffed those — including some within his administration — advocating protectionism. America had to stop the "blame game", he said. "It is time for us to make trade a periority element of American security. Open and co-operative commerce will enrich us as a nation."

Mr Clinton, who was speaking at The American University in Washington on the eve of today's Group of Seven (G7) finance ministers' meeting in London, suggested that his administration would take a more assertive stance towards its Western allies, especially on economic policy co-ordination, and emphasised the importance of American leadership in creating a prosperous world.

"If we can set a new direction at home, we can set a new direction for the world as well," he said. "This thing we call the global economy is unruly. It is a bucking bronco that often lands with its feet on different sides of old lines, and sometimes with its whole body on us. But if we are to ride the bronco into the next century we must harness the whole horse, and not just part of it."

Failure to act now would lead to a situation reminiscent of the period after the first world war, marked by hyperinflation in some countries and a global recession later on. The world stood at the third great moment of decision of the twentieth century. "Will we repeat the mistakes of the 1920s or the 1930s by turning inward, or will we repeat [illegible] by reaching [illegible] improving our[illegible]en, the US Treasury, is expected to [illegible] meeting today that [illegible]'s trade surplus is growing too quickly and that German interest rates are too high. Yesterday Mr Clinton told the two countries: "You, too, must act as the engines of global prosperity."

To achieve that prosperity, he proposed a five-point plan:

- ☐ America must get its own house in order — because the future of the world's economy would depend on "what is going to happen in this city in the next few months".
- ☐ A deal must be reached under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. America must also ratify, with modifications, its free trade deal with Canada and Mexico.
- ☐ The West must pursue coordinated international economic policies designed to achieve growth.
- ☐ America must help with the economies of the developing world.
- ☐ The West must ensure the successful political and economic transition of Russia and other new democracies.

"If we're willing to spend trillions of dollars to ensure communism's defeat in the Cold War, surely we should be willing to invest a tiny fraction of that to support democracy's success where communism failed," Mr Clinton said.

The president's olive branch on trade will be welcomed in Europe, where his recent measures on steel and public procurement have raised fears that America might turn protectionist. But his call for Europe and Japan to do more for growth might meet with reservations in some quarters, especially in Germany, where the fight against inflation is the top priority.

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University challenge: Bill Clinton using an honorary degree ceremony to outline his vision of a global economy

Tallest towers in New York rocked by explosion

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AN EXPLOSION in an underground station beneath New York's World Trade Centre yesterday caused a roof to collapse, injuring 100 people and starting fires in the city's tallest building. Its towers are the second and third tallest in the world after the Sears Tower in Chicago.

The blast occurred just after midday in a station for the Port Authority-Trans Hudson train line, at Liberty and West streets in Lower Manhattan, which connects Manhattan with New Jersey. There were no immediate reports of deaths but, an hour after the explosion, search and rescue teams were still combing through rubble in search of people who might have been trapped, while firemen battled two serious fires.

The New York emergency medical service said more than 100 people were taken to hospital after the explosion, and at least three of them were seriously hurt. More than 300 firemen arrived from all parts of Manhattan to tackle the fires.

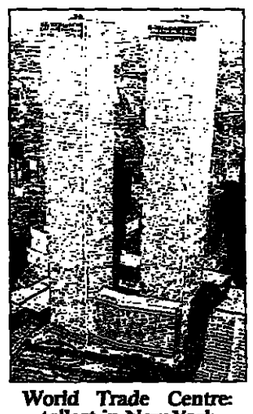
Thousands of workers streamed out of the twin towers, and police said that one of the World Trade Centre buildings would be evacuated. There was no immediate explanation for the explosion, but fire department officials speculated that it might have been caused by an electrical fault.

Gas, electricty and steam were cut off to prevent further damage, but a spokesman for Con Edison, the electricty company, said that initial indications suggested this was not an electrical explosion.

New York television reported that a number of people had been trapped in the upper floors of one of the towers because the lifts were no longer operating, and a few took refuge on the roof of the 110-storey building. Police, using radios and telephones, warned those who had been trapped not to try and break windows to get air. Gas masks were issued in some parts of the building.

Firefighters issued a bulletin saying that the fire was contained at "a subground level" and that those in the upper floors were not in danger and should not panic.

A witness said that she heard an explosion "like a bomb" followed by billowing smoke. Many of the injured were affected by smoke inhalation, and several were reportedly suffering from cuts and burns. The faces of many of those who ran from the building in panic were smudged with smoke.



World Trade Centre: tallest in New York

Christopher O'Mara, an executive working on the 49th floor of the evacuated tower, said: "The hallways are filled with black smoke. Even the emergency lighting has been turned off. Hospitals were put on alert as the injured arrived by ambulance, and mobile hospital teams were set up around the buildings.

Shaken Major launches counter-attack

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major will mount a concerted public relations offensive today to counter the mood of pessimism after a week of heavy job losses and convince people that the economy really is on the mend.

The prime minister will tell the Conservative local government conference that the message of gloom is being overdone while Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, attacks "doom-mongers" including opinion pollsters, pundits and the BBC.

Ministers have been shaken by the MORI poll in *The Times* yesterday, which showed that 80 per cent of voters are dissatisfied with the government and that nearly half believe the economy will get worse in the coming year. But the findings reinforced Mr Major's determination to counter downbeat forecasts and within hours of his return from Washington, Downing Street officials had issued a catalogue of statistics suggesting that the tide of recession could be turning.

Industrial production had risen by 0.5 per cent in the United Kingdom, compared with an 8.25 per cent fall in Japan, they said, and retail sales and exports were up while inflation and interest rates were down. They also pointed out that the EC expected Britain to grow faster than other big European countries this year and that it would top the Community's growth league table next year.

Mr Major's case was strengthened by a CBI monthly survey pointing to rising business confidence as order books reached their best levels for 30 months. Output expectations for the next four months are the highest recorded by the survey since just after the election.

The prime minister will cite such surveys as evidence that the economy is picking up and include in his speech a section on enemployment, which emerged from the MORI poll as the issue that concerns voters most. He will highlight the way that the government's programme for inner city renewal is creating jobs, and point to Michael Howard's approval yesterday of a £38 million plan that would bring Derby more than 4,600 jobs. The City Challenge programme is projected to create 92,000 jobs in the next five years.

Michael Heseltine also hailed a £100 million investment by the American company Kimberly-Clark when he visited Humberside yester-

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Short and Kasparov reject Manchester as chess venue

BY RAY CLANCY

THE world of chess was split into two warring camps last night after Britain's Nigel Short and Gary Kasparov, the present world champion, turned their backs on the competition organisers and refused to play the final in Manchester.

They accused the International Chess Federation (Fide) of acting in an unethical manner and of failing to consult them before declaring its decision on the venue for the final. The two players also announced the formation of a new professional body to oversee the championship and called for fresh bids from sponsors.

"Enough is enough," Short said when contacted by *The Times*. His opponent, Kasparov, who is playing in a tournament in Spain, said it was a momentous decision for chess and one that was long overdue. Both players called for new bids to stage the match under the auspices of a new professional body.

Directors of the British Chess Federation, set up two years ago to provide support for professional players and affiliated to Fide, are meeting in London today to discuss the development. Manchester, however, dismissed the move as "an internal dispute" and said the city was continuing with its plans to host the world championship and was looking forward to welcoming both players.

Short, 27, and Kasparov, 29, said in a joint statement: "It is clear that Fide cannot be trusted to organise the most important professional chess competition in the world." They had been treated with "wilful disregard" by Fide, which had broken its own regulations by failing to consult them.

Last night, Fide said from its headquarters in Lucerne that attempts were being made to contact both players to verify the statement. Manchester city council and Manchester airport, which offered £1.34 million to hold the championship, said Manchester was awarded the championship after following the proper procedures.

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Bomber on the run after gasworks blast

BY RONALD FAUX

POLICE were last night hunting one of the bombers behind the devastating attack on a gasworks at Warrington in Cheshire. Three explosions destroyed a gas holder and sent a fireball shooting into the night sky 200 hundred yards from a big housing estate.

The wanted man is thought to be one of a gang who shot a policeman before the bombing early yesterday. Two men arrested after the attack were being questioned and police confirmed that two other suspects had been arrested in armed raids in Nottingham.

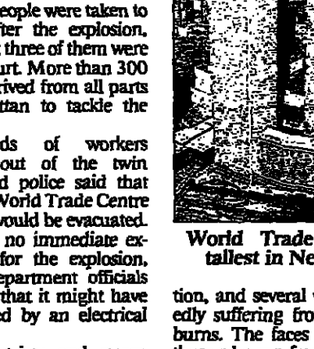
Constable Mark Toker, 25, was recovering from gunshot wounds after being hit twice while investigating suspects in a van in the centre of Warrington. As he questioned the driver a man climbed from the back and opened fire with a handgun.

One bullet hit him in the back and came out through his stomach. A second went through his thigh. He summoned help by radio as the three men drove off. They later abandoned the van and hijacked a Ford Escort, forcing the teenage driver at gunpoint into the boot and heading for Manchester.

After a chase in which more shots were fired at police the Escort crashed into a bank beside the M62. Police arrested two men and freed the 18-year-old owner of the car from the boot. He was shaken and badly bruised.

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'There was a second explosion. A huge fireball drifted across the sky'

Gas blasts shake families from their beds

By Paul Wilkinson

PEOPLE living close to the Warrington gas depot found out yesterday just how near they had come to oblivion.

Already shaken by a gigantic explosion and fireball that had turned night into day, they were shocked further by the discovery of an unexploded device attached to one of eight liquid petroleum gas tanks at the depot. "If that had gone up too, it would have taken most of Warrington with it," a senior officer from the Cheshire Fire Service said.

A large part of the town was a no-go area for most of the day as police cordoned off two square miles around the depot. Traffic on the A49, the main road leading north, was sent on an arduous detour through narrow residential streets and people were kept from their homes for several hours before police and fire crews declared the depot safe.

It is only 200 yards across the A49 from large housing estates set in the centre of a big industrial estate. The workshops and warehouses were deserted yesterday, the only sound a tuneless chorus of burglar alarms triggered by the early morning blasts. There was no sign of the gas holder that had once stood 50ft tall. A neighbouring holder bore huge scorch marks high on one side.

In the warren of terrace and council housing opposite, people spoke of being shaken from their beds by a series of blasts and a blinding light. Alan Dutton, 34, whose home is 300 yards from the depot, said that his house shook. "I leapt out of bed but couldn't see anything at first," he said. "Then there was a second and a third explosion. A huge fireball drifted across the sky."

Along with many of his neighbours, Mr Dutton was taken to an emergency centre set up at St Ann's School, half a mile away, where families were given blankets and snacks and encouraged to sleep.

Steven Softer said that he heard the explosion and set about rousing neighbours. "Most people were in the street already. No one could have slept through that."

Peggy Delooze, who has memories of the wartime blitz, said: "I've never seen anything like this, not even during the war. The sky was yellow and orange and the whole area was lit up."

Paul Ireland said: "It was extremely frightening and chaotic. People were panicking; it was awful. I just feel lucky still to be alive. It could have been so much worse."

David Chadwick, of Merseyside Ambulance Service, was at the scene when the gas holder exploded. He said that the fireball shot across the main road, appearing to touch the houses opposite. "But fortunately most of the blast seemed to go upwards."

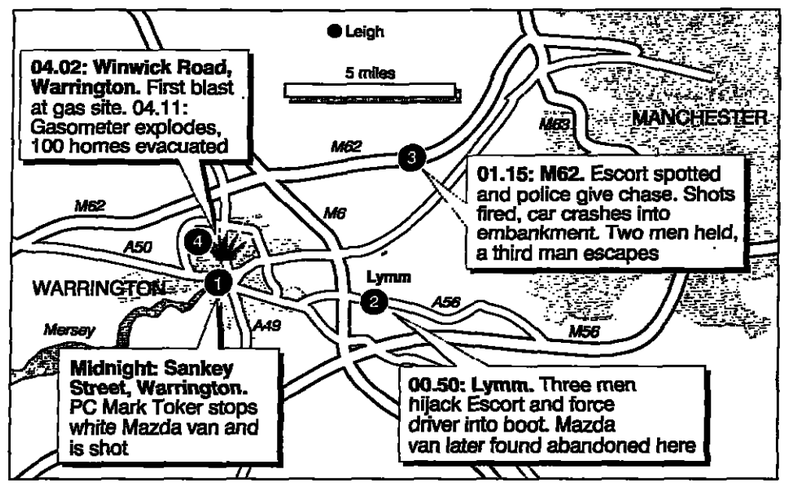
Firemen from a station only 300 yards from the depot were also on the scene as the holder exploded. One said that the fireball rose like a mushroom cloud from a nuclear explosion. One estimate was that the flames had risen 400ft.

The all-clear was given 12 hours after the explosion. All road blocks and diversions were lifted, but 6ft flames could still be seen coming from one of the damaged gas holders. British Gas said that the holder was safe, as the gas was being allowed to burn in a controlled fashion while engineers had sealed the tank and reduced the pressure.

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Scene of devastation: the central gas holder lies flattened after yesterday's explosions at the depot in Warrington



IRA learns value of economic targets

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

ATTACKS against economic targets are becoming an increasingly important element of the IRA's mainland bombing campaign, as it realises the damage that can be inflicted.

They are also part of a strategy that involves constant switching of targets and bombings to different parts of the country, intended to wrongfoot the security forces. Since the start of the present mainland campaign in 1988, the IRA has kept the authorities guessing about how many units are in Britain and where and when they will strike next.

Professor Paul Wilkinson, of the Research Institute for Study of Conflict and Terrorism, said yesterday: "They move rapidly from one kind of attack to another and from area to area, taking advantage of the fragmentary approach to dealing with terrorism."

There have been more than a hundred incidents in the present campaign, ranging from the mortar attack on 10 Downing Street to incendiary devices in stores and bombs on the railway.

It was the explosion at the Baltic Exchange in the City last April, which caused damage put at £800 million and led to controversy over insurance cover, that alerted the IRA to the financial pressure it could exert by hitting economic targets. The cost of the damage was £120 million more than the total of compensation paid out in Northern Ireland since the start of the troubles.

Professor Wilkinson said: "There is a thread to their campaign that is to put greater effort into causing economic damage. They believe that the economic damage caused by their bombs will be an additional lever to force the government to alter its policy.

"They know that disrupting commercial centres and the rail network inconveniences the public and damages business and industry."

Hitting targets on the mainland is important to the IRA because its ballot box and arms strategy in Ireland has failed and attacks in Europe have ended. There is a belief that one bomb in England is worth 20 in Belfast in terms of propaganda and publicity. Professor Wilkinson said: "These attacks reinforce the message, that they are still equipped with the explosives, people and expertise to carry out attacks."



PC Toker: "I'm sorry I didn't arrest all three"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britain slides into an Arctic weekend

Much of Britain will be in the grip of Arctic weather this weekend with snow spreading across the country, and many areas facing the coldest days of the winter. With just over three weeks before the official end of winter, icy winds were expected to add a chill factor absent during previous cold spells in the South, the London Weather Centre said.

Sleet or snow showers, with a biting northerly wind, will make it feel one of the worst nights of the winter so far, a weather centre spokesman said. The temperature in London last night was -1C but the wind chill factor was -7C. Snow, which is moving south from Scotland, is forecast anywhere in the UK, and is expected to continue tomorrow.

The AA said yesterday that motorists should postpone journeys to regions already affected by snow and those living in affected areas should drive only when necessary. It had received advance warning of snow and ice in East Anglia this morning and more flurries are expected tonight. Scotland will experience heavy snow with drifting on mountains.

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Councillor charged

Nkechi Amalu-Johnson, the north London councillor whose defection from Labour gave the Conservatives a majority in Brent, was yesterday charged on 16 counts of fraud at Holborn police station. The charges include obtaining a £66,000 mortgage by deception, false accounting, claiming income support by deception and obtaining council services by deception. Ms Amalu-Johnson, 45, who was arrested 17 months ago, was released on police bail, with her son Neil, 24, who faces similar charges. Both will appear at Bow Street magistrates' court on April 1, with a third defendant, Leamington Obinegbo, 25. Ms Amalu-Johnson describes herself as an independent councillor.

Hospitals may close

Three military hospitals are expected to close and facilities in three others are to be modernised. The Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital at Woolwich, southeast London, the Royal Naval Hospital, Stonehouse, Plymouth, and the RAF Princess Mary Hospital, Halton, Buckinghamshire, are expected to go. Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, said that, after a review of the armed forces' medical care needs, the aim was to provide 1,100 to 1,200 beds in service hospitals.

Strangeways arrest

Police yesterday arrested a second legal executive in connection with the escape of prisoners from a Manchester court where they were facing trial over the Strangeways jail riot. The 32-year-old legal executive from Liverpool is being detained at Collyhurst police station in Manchester awaiting interview. A 23-year-old Liverpool law clerk has appeared before Manchester magistrates accused of aiding the escape of two men from custody on February 17, harbouring them and helping them to escape.

Multi-faith plea rejected

A legal challenge to "multi-faith" worship in schools was rejected by the High Court. Two mothers claimed that school assemblies and lessons at Crowcroft Park Primary School in Manchester designed to enable pupils of different religions to take part were in breach of the 1988 Education Reform Act by failing to include enough Christian elements. But Mr Justice McCullough said there were no grounds for saying the education secretary acted unreasonably when he refused to take up their complaints.

Jobs claim rejected

The government yesterday denied an Irish government claim that Britain had offered the American computer firm Digital unfair inducements to retain its plant in Ayr at the expense of its Irish operation in Galway. Digital is to close its Galway plant with the loss of some 780 jobs and will instead concentrate its operation at the Scottish site.

Smoke ban ruled out

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has pledged to cut the number of smokers in Britain to less than 20 per cent of the population — but has ruled out a statutory ban, which she feels would bring the law into contempt. She pointed out that, as a result of health campaigns, Britain's smoking population had fallen from 45 per cent to 30 per cent.

Labour seeks new laws on terrorism

By Robert Morgan
Political Staff

LABOUR sought yesterday to counter Tory claims that it was soft on terrorism because of its consistent opposition to renewing anti-terrorism laws. But the government rejected its proposal for a consensus among all parties on legislation to curb the IRA.

For several years Labour has incurred the wrath of ministers for voting against renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, introduced after the Birmingham pub bombings in 1974. Labour dislikes the act, due for renewal soon, because of its powers to exclude from Britain people from Northern Ireland and vice versa, and its power to allow the detention of suspects for seven days without bringing them before a court.

Kevin McNamara, shadow Northern Ireland secretary, wants an end to exclusion orders and a cut in the seven days' detention. He said that in the fight against terrorism "petty political point scoring" concerning civil liberties had to be avoided.

Yesterday Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said that in the middle of the present bombing campaign it would be irresponsible to resist renewal of the act. He told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One* that exclusion orders were used only against people with a long history of connection with terrorism. Although used less often than in the past they were one of the most effective ways of disrupting terrorists.

On the seven-day detention, he said people had to be detained while enquiries were made. The police could not release people only to find later they had arrested the right person.

Mr McNamara said at Hull University yesterday: "We are the only country which is a signatory to the European Convention of Human Rights which has a system of internal exile for its own citizens."

He offered to seek a consensus among all political parties that struck a balance betwen the need to detect and convict terrorists and the need to preserve basic civil liberties. "The Labour party believes that it is time to build a new understanding between the parties," he said. "We must not allow the corroding effects of terrorism, and our response to it, to undermine basic freedoms because in doing so we are p[illegible] into the hands of those [illegible] visits."

He accu[illegible]wn as well as the minister of us[illegible] unit-linked [illegible]ding renewal of [illegible]ion for "cheap party [illegible]nical purposes", suggesting that if Labour did not support renewal of the act its claims to be against terrorism were baseless.

Major fights back over the economy

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day. The President of the Board of Trade said it would generate about 700 jobs and create another 2,000 among local suppliers.

Such advances were, however, marred by the announcement that the BhS shops chain is to cut the equivalent of 350 full-time posts. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said the losses meant that more than 20,000 people had learnt this week that they were heading for the dole queue. "The prime minister's claim that things are far better than people are experiencing is an attempt to talk up the economy without taking the action necessary to lift the economy," he said.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, remained confident, however, that unemployment would begin to fall as the economy recovered, but she said it would not happen overnight. She also signalled that help for the long-term jobless would be the government's main priority in the package of job measures to be unveiled in the Budget.

The ministerial offensive is directed not only at the public, but also aims to steady nerves within the Conservative ranks. David Sumberg, MP for Bury South, said the electorate had put the Tories on probation. If they failed to get the economy right this time, they would not be given a second chance in three or four years' time. The government should be "focusing like a laser beam" on unemployment, he said.

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MARC ASPLAND

Leading the way: a runner enjoying the solitude of Hampstead Heath, where more than 3,000 competitors take part today in the 106th English cross-country championships. Page 35

Ridiculed pensioner beat husband to death with plastic bedpan

A PENSIONER confined to a wheelchair wept yesterday as the Central Criminal Court was told how she killed her husband by battering him with a bedpan.

Mabel Hyams, 79, had endured decades of taunts about the sexual prowess of other women and the three affairs her husband had decades before.

Mrs Hyams, who has only one leg as a result of a polio operation in 1941, was one of the oldest people to appear in court on a killing charge. Seated in the well of the court, she admitted the manslaughter of her husband Harold, 79, a retired printer.

The Recorder, Judge Verney, sentenced her to 12 months' imprisonment suspended for 12 months. He said: "This is a most unusual case. A most unusual weapon was used.

"For the taking of life there is normally an immediate sentence of imprisonment, but in this particular case it would be quite wrong to send you to prison."

Mr Hyams died from blood clots in the brain as a result of being struck repeatedly with the bedpan, Anthony Wilcken, for the prosecution, said. But if he had been fitter and younger the blows from the plastic bedpan would not have caused great injury, let alone death, the judge said.

The couple, who had two children and had been married for 57 years, lived in a terraced house in Kingsbury, northwest London.

The court was told that a month before the killing last July, Mr Hyams' stricken conscience about the affairs that he kept "throwing up" in his wife's face led him to think of suicide. He wrote a long letter apologising for his faults, but it was only discovered by police after his death.

Mr Wilcken described the case as tragic as he told the court how Mrs Hyams had been dependent on her husband since her right leg was amputated. "She was totally reliant on her husband. Various neighbours described her as domineering and argumentative. By contrast, her husband was described as calm and placid." He had devoted his time to caring for her after retiring in 1977.

Police were called when she



Hyams: was totally reliant on husband

was seen slapping him in the street, pulling him by the shirt collar and hitting him over the head with a walking stick. On the day before the killing, several witnesses saw Mr Hyams with a black eye, sitting on a park bench while his wife was "quite ferociously" striking him with her handbag.

When a woman intervened, Mrs Hyams said the attack was revenge "because he has been with three women". She added: "You don't know what he's like at home."

She called neighbours the next day, who found Mr Hyams slumped dead in an armchair. Mrs Hyams told police: "I did not intend to kill him or cause him serious harm. I've been subjected to verbal and physical abuse by him."

Mr Wilcken said: "She had nursed considerable resentment at her husband's infidelities, which appear to have occurred 40 years earlier."

A pathologist said Mr Hyams had more than 30 bruises on his body and had been subjected to repeated abuse.

David Farrington, for the defence, said no one would ever know what warped pleasure Mr Hyams got from tormenting his wife with intimate and "grotesque" details of three long affairs he had with different women. The first was while Mrs Hyams was in hospital to have her leg amputated.

A devout Roman Catholic, Mrs Hyams took the view "once married, always married" and would not contemplate divorce, Mr Farrington said. Over the years, her husband's boasting about his sexual conquests had continued and the friction between the couple had grown.

Mr Farrington said Mrs Hyams lashed out with the bedpan because she feared her husband was going to attack her in the bedroom. When she saw him collapsed in a chair she thought he was joking, "because he had done that kind of thing before", but then realised he was dead and deeply regretted her action.

Mr Farrington said: "I invite the court to let her return to the residential home where she is now being looked after, so that she can get on with what little life she has left. She is full of remorse."

Two boys tortured disabled hostage

TWO schoolboys tortured a mentally handicapped man for four days after moving into his home and holding him prisoner.

The boys, aged 12 and 14, burnt their victim with cigarettes and molten plastic. The man, aged 32 but with a mental age of 11, screamed but nobody heard him.

Yesterday, Teesside Crown Court sentenced Paul Graham, now 15, to five years' detention after he admitted charges including inflicting grievous bodily harm. The 12-year-old was given a three-year supervision order with medical treatment last year after admitting similar charges.

Graham, of Stainton, Cleveland, led the torture sessions, Paul Bowers, for the prosecution, told the court. He kicked and punched the victim and threatened to spread rumours about him if he went to the police.

The two boys moved their sleeping bags into the man's flat at Hemlington near Middlesbrough last May and slept there for three nights. Mr Bowers said that Graham admitted stubbing out cigarettes on him and burning him with molten plastic "just for a laugh". The boys sometimes tortured him for up to two hours. He was rescued when his brother called at the flat.

Judge Paling, who saw photographs of the man's injuries, told Graham: "They are horrific. You had no boundaries so far as your behaviour was concerned. If you had been a grown man it would have been a very long sentence indeed."

Case sent to appeal court

School rapist faces tougher sentence

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

THE sentence passed on a schoolboy rapist, who was put on probation and ordered to pay his victim £500 for a holiday, is to be reviewed by the Court of Appeal, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, said yesterday.

The alleged leniency of the penalty imposed by Judge Prosser at Newport Crown Court on February 5 caused an outcry. John Over, the chief constable of Gwent, joined women's organisations in calling for a tougher sentence.

The court had been told that the 15-year-old boy at a comprehensive in Cwmbran, Gwent, raped a 15-year-old fellow-pupil after dragging her off a school tennis court into a wood. Judge Prosser put the boy on probation for three years and told him to pay his victim £500 for "a good holiday to help her get over her trauma".

The case has highlighted not only the question of sentencing for rape, but a broader issue of growing concern to parents and teachers: sex in the classroom.

Incidents of violence and of sexual harassment in school have in general been getting worse, according to Michele Elliott, director of Kidscape, the educational charity working for children's safety. She said, however, that in nearly 25 years as a child psychologist, she could not recall a case of rape in the school environment itself.

Although there are a number of recently documented cases of indecent assault by schoolboys on girl pupils at school, neither Childline, the children's emergency telephone service, nor the NSPCC could find a case of school rape in their files.

"It means another constraint on behaviour has gone down and I would not be surprised if it is imitated," Mrs Elliott said. "I am 47, and it is quite unthinkable to someone of my age that it should ever have happened, yet sexual harassment tending to violence in school has been on the increase.

"There have been a couple of reported cases of girls being forced to strip naked in school, and several recent cases of stabbings. We are crossing a sinister boundary."

Valerie Howarth, director of Childline, agreed that rape in school was a further erosion of the boundaries of behaviour, although it was clear that sexual abuse of children by other children was already substantial, she said. A six-month telephone service run for boarding school pupils by Childline in 1991 produced 14 cases of alleged sexual harassment by pupil on pupil, and 20 cases of alleged sexual abuse with 15 calls from boys and five from girls.

In the past four years, children and their parents have begun for the first time to complain to the Equal Opportunities Commission of sexual harassment in school, and now there is "a steady trickle" of cases, according to Anne Madden, director of the commission's education unit, with about eight in 18 months. While Ms Madden believes that reflects changing attitudes about what is acceptable, rather than a direct increase in aggressive behaviour from boys, Home Office figures suggest that, at the extreme end of the spectrum, sexual aggression by young men may indeed be worsening.

Rape by teenagers is increasing steadily (or at least, there is an increase in reported cases). The number of males between 14 and 17 sent for crown court trial accused of rape rose from 15 (with 14 convictions) in 1986 to 48 (with 32 convictions) in 1990, the latest year for which figures are available.

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Yentob shrugs off élitist tag as he wins top post at BBC1

BY JOE JOSEPH

ALAN Yentob was appointed controller of BBC1 yesterday, a move that will take him from being a risk-taking populist among the cultural élite at BBC2 to bringing a classier accent to the corporation's mainstream.

Mr Yentob, 45, described his five years at BBC2's helm as fascinating and stimulating but added: "BBC1 is at the heart of British broadcasting and British life. It's a great challenge and I'm looking forward to it." Asked by reporters if he was more enthralled by quality or ratings, Mr Yentob replied that he was "more interested in quality. But there wouldn't be any point in BBC1 if it didn't reach a popular audience."

Questioned on whether he might be too highbrow for the post, Mr Yentob parried: "I would say that a lot of programmes on BBC2 were a little too high-rating for BBC2." Asked about his appetite for soapy audience-winners like *Neighbours*, he replied: "I have great interest in popular television. What is popular television? Television watched by millions of people across the country. I am one of those people."

Would he be ditching the ill-received *Eldorado*? Well, "it's got *quite* a lot better," but Mr Yentob is still thinking what to do about it. Questioned about his track record for popular programming, he said: "I'm not sitting here thinking the first thing I'll do is put on more quiz shows ... I think this is a great challenge, to bring quality television to BBC1. It's not BBC versus ITV." While he would not not chase "a percentage point here or there", achieving a large audience was important. Striking a balance was difficult.



Yentob: reputation for innovative approach

He is a sitting target for snipers eager to accuse the BBC of making a safe choice, or, worse, a misguidedly élitist one, but Mr Yentob's CV is full enough of sharp-creased, streetwise ideas in highbrow clothing to suggest that he will prove to have a talent for the new job. Under his editorship, the arty *Arena* documentaries slot included programmes like "The Private Life of the Ford Cortina".

He has also been a versatile scheduler. He brought in *The Late Show*, alongside award-winning drama such as *Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit*, *Memento Mori* and *Truly, Madly, Deeply*. But he also made room for *Have I Got News For You*, *Absolutely Fabulous*, *Harry Enfield* and *French and Saunders*.

There have also been spectacular whims. He recently replaced BBC's entire Saturday night schedule at short notice with a live relay from the Royal Opera House of *Stiffelio*.

Mr Yentob, who joined the BBC as a trainee in 1968, has been running BBC1 alongside his own job for the past two months, following the early departure of the former controller Jonathan Powell. Mr Powell left almost a year before his contract ended to join the ITV station Carlton as head of drama.

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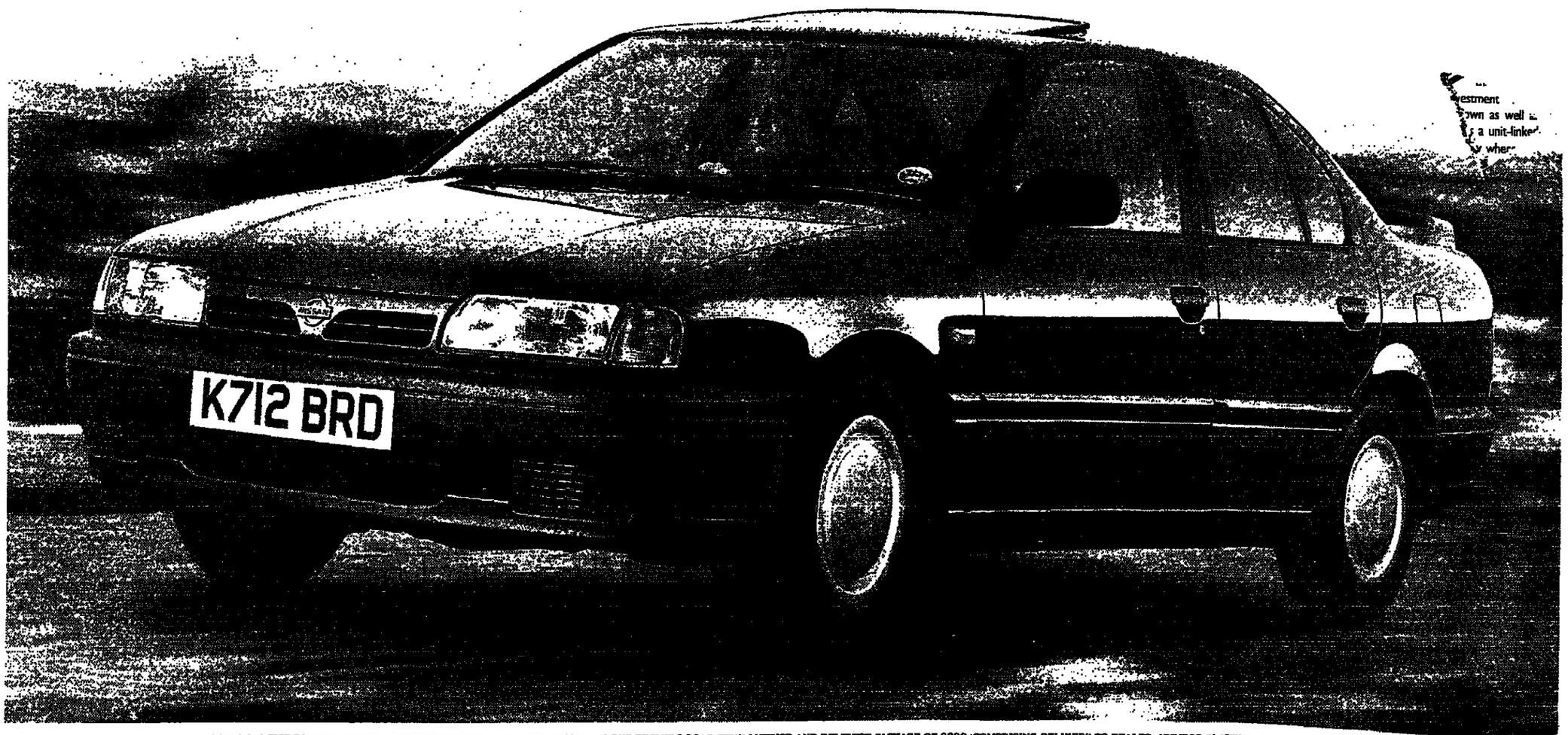
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Young champions assert their independence after long stand-off with old-guard administrators

Why today's kings of the chess board refuse to be treated as pawns

*The news that Nigel Short and Gary Kasparov are defying Fide is the culmination of a marathon dispute. **Raymond Keene** writes*

RELATIONS between the world's leading chess players and Fide, the game's governing body, have been fraught for much of the past 20 years. Bobby Fischer abdicated as world champion in 1975 after a dispute with the federation and Gary Kasparov has been its sworn enemy since he accused its president of cheating him of the title ten years later.

Until Alexander Alekhine, the world champion, died in 1946, the title was regarded as the personal property of the champion, who defended it as he saw fit. On Alekhine's death, the Fédération Internationale des Échecs appropriated the title and ran a series of matches, held exclusively in Moscow, until 1972.

Fischer took the title in a celebrated match in Reykjavik that year but, when he put forward his proposals for a new championship system three years later, Fide, which was politically dominated by the Soviet Union, swept them aside. No championship defence was held that year, Fischer abdicated and the popularity of the game nosedived. Fears were expressed that the world body was more interested in playing petty politics than in promoting the game. The nadir of Fide's fortunes as a responsible ruling committee was reached on February 15, 1985, when the emerging Kasparov was challenging Anatoly Karpov, who had been champion for a decade, for his title.



'Kasparov vowed to annihilate Fide, a body he had come to despise'

Karpov, though undoubtedly a great player, had benefited from Fischer's resignation and had been the only champion to win the title by default. He swept into an early and seemingly dominating lead over Kasparov but, after 46 games and many months of play through the freezing Moscow winter, could not clinch the match. Kasparov revived and began to win game after game.

Kasparov had already made himself unpopular with the federation by criticising its Filipino president, Florencio Campomanes, an avid reader of the political speeches of Ferdinand Marcos. Just as victory in the marathon match seemed to be within Kasparov's grasp, Campomanes flew to Moscow and declared the match over. Karpov had saved his title and there was to be a new match later in the year.

The [illegible] said: [illegible] creas[illegible]om the chess fra[illegible] not [illegible]rom the wider [illegible] devastating. *The Times* lambasted the decision on its front page while the *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* chorused that there had been cheating. Kasparov became the sworn enemy of Campomanes and vowed to remove him from office or at least to annihilate the authority of the world body he had come to despise.

On November 9, 1985, Kasparov became world champion, aged 22. With the moral authority of the title behind him, he could stand up to the Fide president, but at best it was a stand-off. Campomanes ruled Fide and its numerous Third World delegates with a rod of iron and was guaranteed to win any vote. Kasparov, despite the emergence of glasnost and perestroika, was still constrained by the rigid authority of the rump of the Soviet Chess Federation, desperately clinging to the last vestiges of power over its grandmasters.

As the Soviet Union has withered away and as Karpov has been replaced as Kasparov's world title opponent by Short, the political and sporting complexion at the pinnacle of world chess has inexorably altered. The climate is for personal enterprise both on and off the chess board.

This obvious change appears to be lost on Campomanes, isolated in his ivory tower and surrounded by bureaucratic yes-men who praise his every decision, however dubious it may come across to the rest of the world. The recent allocation of the rights to stage the 1993 world championship has snapped the players' patience.

On Monday, the federation received four offers to stage the match. Two were from London, one from Manchester and one from Santiago de Compostela in Spain. All three British bids offered about £1 million in prize money and each dwarfed the Spanish tender.

According to the federation's rules, the players must be consulted before a decision on the location of the match is taken. Normally the size of the prize fund would be a big contributing factor. Kasparov, when spoken to briefly by Campomanes, indicated a preference for the IMG-Channel 4 bid from London, which offered the largest prize of SF2.6 million (about £1.23 million, compared with Manchester's £1.19 million). Campomanes, according to Kasparov, ignored his wishes and, with what Kasparov regarded as indecent haste, announced on Tuesday morning that Manchester would be the venue.

This hurried move might not have been crucial, since Kasparov at first intended only to issue a sharp public protest. What Campomanes had underestimated was the resolve of Short, who entered the lists determined to show that he was a force to be reckoned with.

Short had been in transit from Italy to Athens, where his wife has a home, during the bidding process. He was looking forward to exercising his right to help to decide the location. On arriving in Athens, he was horrified to learn that the decision had been taken with no reference to him. Short was furious. He immediately rang his friend Dominic Lawson, a chess fan and editor of *The Spectator*, to ask for his advice.

Lawson rang Kasparov in Linares, Spain, where he is competing in an international tournament. Within hours the three had formed a plan to end the domination of world chess by Campomanes. They would break away from the official body, form a new professional association and invite the rest of the world's top players to join them. I was asked to help to draft the document announcing the break and the decision that the players would in future run the world championship.

After 48 hours of intense telephone conversations between Linares, Athens, London and Cliveden, the Buckinghamshire country resort where Lawson was staying, yesterday's announcement was made.

The hub of this activity, and of the new bidding for the match invited by the players, was Simpson's-in-the-Strand, which last week co-hosted with *The Times* Kasparov's visit to London to raise more than £30,000 for the Sick Children's Trust. Simpson's will be the venue for the opening of the new bids on Monday, March 22.

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Decisive move: Nigel Short, with his wife Rhea and daughter Kyveli. He was furious at not being consulted

Experts hail fossil shark found in cliff

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A FOSSILISED shark 190 million years old has been found in the cliffs at Charmouth in Dorset. Seven feet long and believed to be the only complete example of this particular shark ever found, the fossil has been described as wonderful by Natural History Museum experts.

For six months, Chris Moore, of the Old Forge Fossil Company, Lyme Regis, has been restoring the fossil, which was found by one of the company's collectors in the ledges at Charmouth, a prolific source of fossils.

Mr Moore said: "The fossil is quite amazing, not only because it is the only one of its kind to be found in the world, but because it also features fossilised skin and cartilage."

The shark is a male and looks like a huge dogfish, with hard spines. Mr Moore says that the fossil would fetch a lot of money in America, Germany or Japan, but he is anxious to keep it in this country and hopes the Natural History Museum will buy it.

Peter Forey, curator of fish fossils at the museum, said: "We have a few examples of the head of this particular species, and of the fin spines. But this would be the first find in this country which is complete."

The shark belonged to the *Hybodus* family of primitive shark-like fish, which became extinct about 80 million years ago. The main difference from modern sharks is the shape of the teeth, which are flatter and the spines that surround the fins.

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Father rejects report and calls for disciplinary action at maternity hospital

Staff and system blamed for babies mix-up

■ Parents who took home the wrong babies from hospital are not satisfied by an enquiry's findings

BY JAMES LANDALE

A FAILURE to supervise unqualified staff allowed two mothers to leave a maternity hospital with the wrong babies, an independent enquiry said yesterday. The hospital said it was taking no disciplinary action.

The father of one of the babies rejected the report and said: "Names should be named". He added that he would continue legal action against the Princess Anne hospital at Southampton.

Jeanne Perons, a solicitor and non-executive member of Wessex Regional Health Authority, who compiled the report,found that Carla Marie Bursey and Gemma Coyle were swapped by mistake early in the morning of November 25 last year, the day after their birth. The switch happened while their mothers slept when staff changed shifts as the babies were given a feed. "It is therefore easy to visualise how a baby, after feeding, could be put in the wrong cot if both the Bursey and Coyle cots were empty at the same time, and we are satisfied that this is how the original switch occurred," the report said. The mistake was not discovered until three days later, when the mothers had gone home. It was confirmed by DNA blood tests a week later and the babies returned.

The report said that routine procedures to prevent this kind of mistake were the responsibility of unqualified staff, either student nurses, student midwives or nursing auxiliaries, who were not adequately supervised. Staff only checked to see if the babies' name tags were in place, not that they bore the right names. "Because of this, the mistake was not discovered at this early stage," the report said. Both babies had lost their wrist name tags; they were replaced by "unqualified staff" without being checked.

"The correct procedures for relabelling were not followed and, again, opportunities for the error to be noticed were the error to be noticed were missed," the report said. The Princess Anne hospital and Lymington hospital, where Maureen Bursey, 46, and her baby had been transferred, were at fault.

The report recommended that "relabelling must always be the responsibility of a registered midwife or nurse". It also said that mothers and babies should stay together as much as possible and not be separated for feeding. Identity tags should be more legible, written in indelible ink and less easy to take off. "The labels must be read every time the baby is moved away from or returned to the mother. The cot must not be relied on for identification."

Supervision of students and spot checks had been stepped up. Accidents like this could never be ruled out, howwver: "It happens, and it may happen on other occasions, but it should have been found out earlier," the report said.

It added that earlier reports that the mix-up had been caused by fire alarms during the night were unfounded.

Tony Bursey, 47, the father of Carla Marie, said he had seen the report and was "not happy with it because it does not name names". Mr Bursey, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, said at an emotional press conference that although he felt sorry for the person responsible, he was "very angry" that no disciplinary action was being taken. His wife had been "literally crippled" by the affair. He said: "I am certainly suing the hospital because this will never leave me and I don't think it will ever leave my children."

The parents are planning to sue the hospital and the Southampton Health Authority. David Moss, chief executive of the hospital, said that no compensation offer had been made to the parents. "We are not planning to take any action on that front," he said.

Marie Coyle, 27, Gemma's mother, said it was a mistake that should never have happened. "I am still angry about it. I just wish it would all go away."

John Miller, clinical director of the Princess Anne, said that the "system" rather than any individual was to blame. "I do not believe disciplinary action would serve either the interests of parents and babies, the hospital or our very committed staff," he said, adding that the hospital was taking action on all the report's recommendations.



David Moss, hospital chief executive, left; Jeanne Perons, who compiled the report; and John Miller, the hospital's clinical director

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rape jurors clear novice priest

A novice priest was cleared of raping the housekeeper of a holy order, who seduced him with tales about her sexual fantasies.

The jury at Maidstone Crown Court took 50 minutes to clear Steven Sani, 26, who told the court that he could not get away from the 42-year-old housekeeper.

He said: "She began fantasising out loud to me about a priest she knew and how she would like to make love to him." She began touching him.

Children killed in fire named

A brother and sister who died when fire broke out at their home while their pregnant mother was out celebrating her birthday were named yesterday.

A babysitter aged 14 raised the alarm but Sasha Finney, 6, and her brother Adrian, 3, of Devizes, Wiltshire, were overcome by smoke. Rebecca Finney was celebrating with friends while her husband was at work.

Nuclear error

British Nuclear Fuels was fined £6,000 by Whitehaven magistrates after admitting four breaches of its site licence at Sellafield, Cumbria. A system to protect workers from radiation was overridden last April. No one was injured.

Coining it in

An inquest ruled that 3,400 silver coins discovered in Cheshire were treasure trove. Philip Bordley, 24, found them in a field near his home at Congleton while using a friend's metal detector for the first time.

Body found

The body of a 30-year-old man who had been battered to death was discovered in his home in Clapham, south London, after firefighters were called to put out a blaze.

Historic sale

The dagger used to kill the Duke of Buckingham in 1628 will be displayed at the scene of the murder in Buckingham Street, Old Portsmouth, after being auctioned for £380.

Telephone trick

Darren Hicks, 26, of York, was jailed for 15 months after tricking up to 150 people with advertisements for cheap portable telephones. He admitted 18 charges of deception.

Counted out

Barclays Bank has closed its branch in Stapleford, Nottinghamshire, after two robberies in two weeks. It was due to close within three years.

Pupils suffer higher stress in home life

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A CHILD'S home environment may be significantly more stressful than life at school. British scientists have found that levels of a key stress hormone, linked with negative thoughts and anxiety, are produced by primary school children at much higher levels at home than in class.

The research, by a team at the Institute of Biological Anthropology at Oxford University, involved measuring levels of adrenaline, noradrealine, cortisol and cortisone in the urine of 36 children aged four to nine. Tests were done at school and on a day off.

The children, 23 girls and 13 boys, were attending the Squirrel School in Oxford, a private fee-paying primary. Levels of three hormones were found to differ between home and school, the most important being cortisol, which is linked with negative thoughts and anxiety.

In the tests, levels of cortisol for both sexes were, on average, 40 per cent higher at home than at school. Boys produced double the levels at home whereas girls produced slightly less, just over 37 per cent.

The researchers say: "These results may suggest that the school day represents a stimulating but comparatively structured environment with little negative effect, while the home day is characterised by stimulation but relative uncertainty in social interactions."

The team, whose results are published in the *Journal of Biosocial Science*, say that findings are tentative and believe wider study is needed. At the very least, the researchers suggest the findings confirm that the everyday experience of young children is reflected in the production of stress hormones. The technique could be applied to gain greater insight into children's psychological and biological state, the team says.

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Hospitals told lack of cash must not delay operations

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS have been ordered to treat patients in urgent need without delay after five surveys showed that half the units in England have cut back their work because they have run out of money.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, said that urgent treatment must be given regardless of a hospital's financial position as the British Medical Association claimed that lives were at risk. Mrs Bottomley said: "There can be no question of patients requiring urgent investigation or treatment having it delayed because they come forward towards the end of the year."

It emerged yesterday that the health department wrote to all hospital managers and chairmen of trusts last Tuesday after receiving evidence from the medical royal colleges that patients with serious conditions were being told to wait. Stanley Simmons, chairman of the conference of medical royal colleges, said: "Our greatest worry is that medical investigations are being delayed. You don't know until you have done an investigation whether you are dealing with something serious."

Hospitals have been postponing routine surgery, after completing health authority contracts, until the new financial year. But there is new evidence that urgent cases are also being postponed. Three surveys by the colleges of physicians, obstetricians and surgeons, released yesterday, show 50 per cent of hospitals affected by restrictions, ranging from 30 per cent for medicine to 60 per cent for surgery.

A fourth survey by the British Medical Association showed 53 per cent of consultants said their hospitals had restricted their work for financial reasons. Questionnaires were sent to 910 consultants of whom 380 replied. Problems were greater in the South and were most marked in London. In North East Thames, almost four out of five consultants reported restrictions.

Dr John Chawner, chairman of the BMA consultants' committee, said that hospitals had closed beds and cancelled operations. A surgeon in one hospital with a caseload of seven cancer patients a week was told to reduce it to four. The restrictions spanned expensive treatments, such as bone marrow transplantation, and cheaper ones such as pacemakers.

Dr Chawner said: "There is no concrete evidence that lives are being lost but it seems inevitable to me that if you restrict bone marrow transplants and other cancer treatments, lives will be put at risk."

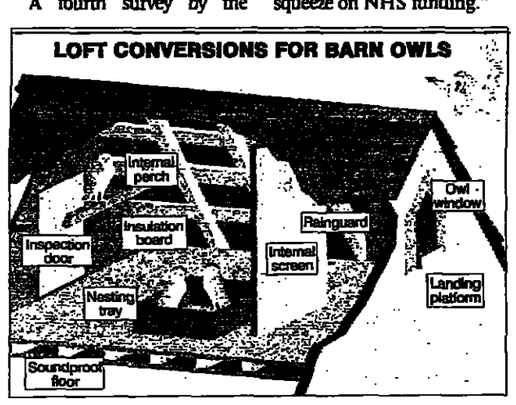
Almost a third of respondents said admissions were restricted to patients of GP fundholders or "other purchasers with funds". "Despite the government's insistence that there should not be a two-tier service, we are now seeing open acknowledgment of it," Dr Chawner said.

Labour, which published a fifth survey yesterday detailing cuts in health authorities and NHS trusts, said the health service's financial crisis was worsening. David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, said: "I fear that the situation will deteriorate even further next year when we see the real impact of the new Treasury squeeze on NHS funding."



MICHAEL POWELL

Fingers of fun: Oxford Stage Company performing *The Venetian Twins* with sign language. The play, written in the 18th century by Carlo Goldoni, was part of a course, sponsored by BT, to train more sign language interpreters for the theatre. There are currently only six. The interpreters are signing: "This is funny"



Architects urged to remember the owls

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

WILDLIFE conservationists are seeking the help of architects in a campaign to provide ideal homes for Britain's barn owls. Once common throughout the country, the ghostly grey and white birds are close to extinction in some counties.

The reasons are mostly linked to changes in agricultural practice that are hard to reverse. But the loss of traditional nesting places in barns and other outbuildings converted to residential use is one problem that can be remedied, according to the Hampshire Wildlife Trust.

Dennis Bright, the trust's barn owl conservation officer, said: "[illegible]y, but [illegible]ns are increasing leaders [illegible]ar but need not [illegible]ngths [illegible]viction of the [illegible] and [illegible]tant.

[illegible] suitable nesting [illegible]mple and relatively [illegible]ap and can make a [illegible]ontribution to halting the decline of these threatened creatures." The trust has sent leaflets to every architect in the county urging them to include an "owl window", about 9in wide and 10in high, in the gable end of conversions. They will allow access to the loft for roosting and breeding.

A survey by the trust in 1985 identified no more than a hundred breeding pairs of wild barn owls in Hampshire. About two-thirds are thought to nest in farm buildings; the rest use rotting cavities in old trees such as oaks.

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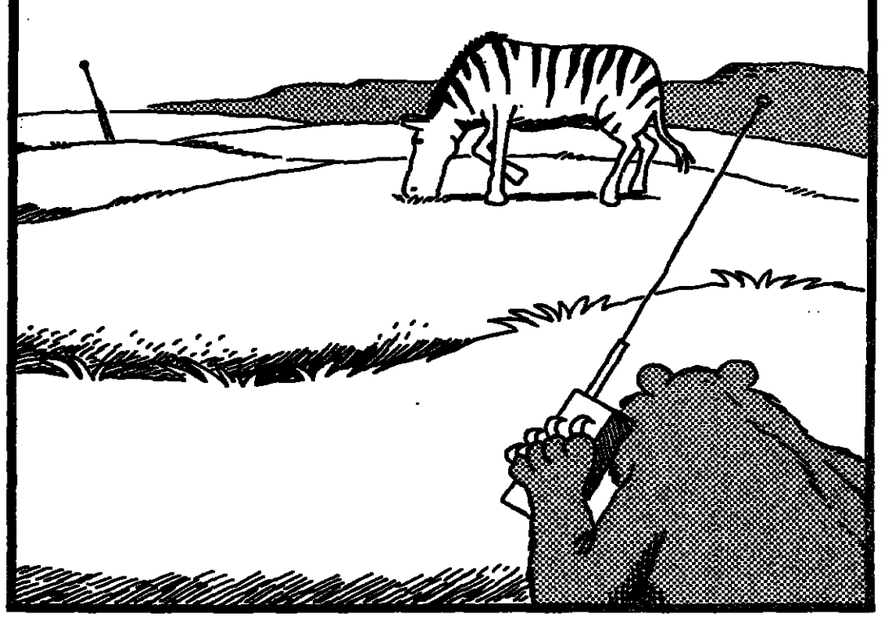
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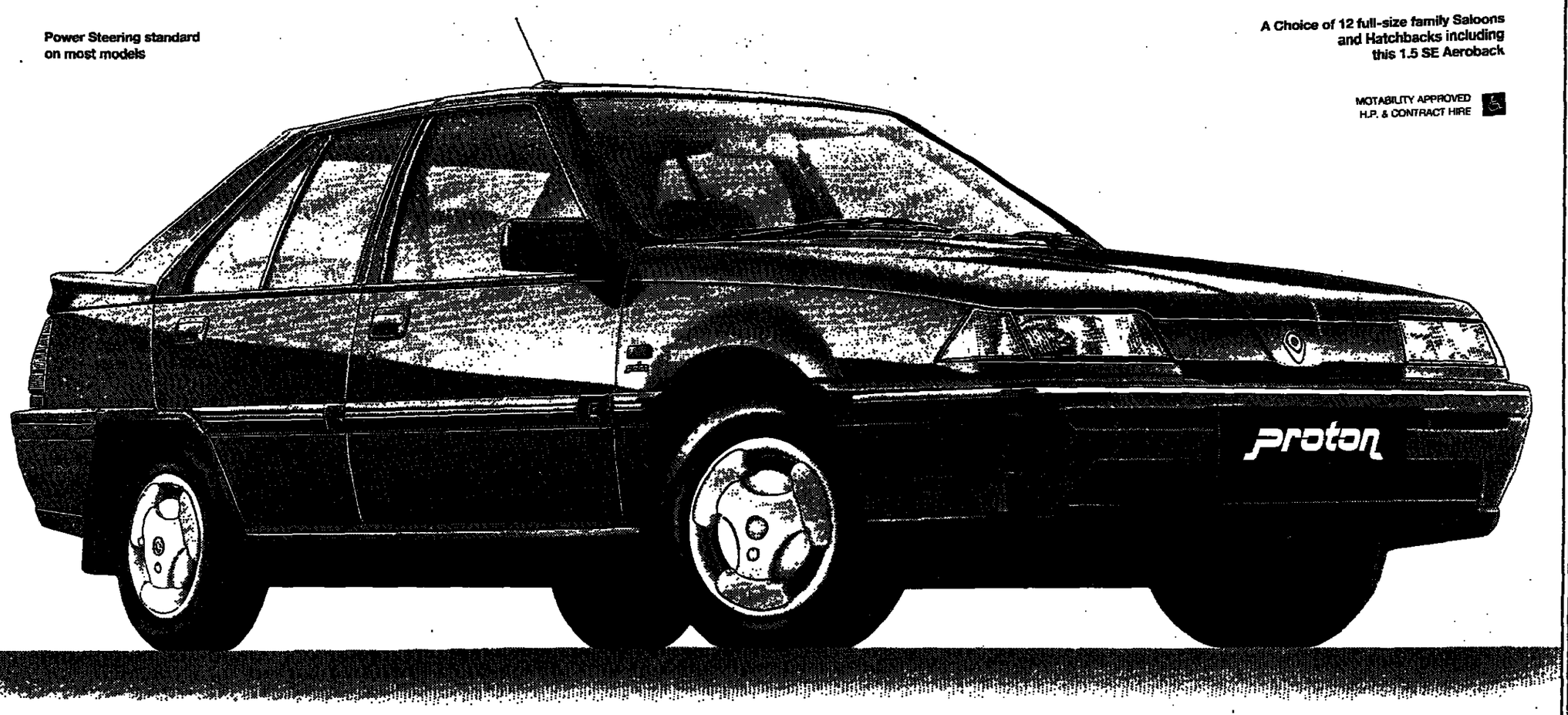
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Downing Street puts its faith in recovery

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOWNING Street yesterday loosed off a volley of statistics to buttress the prime minister's renewed offensive aimed at increasing business confidence and lifting the gloom hanging over the economy.

As a MORI poll for *The Times* suggested that the public had again lost faith in the recovery, on his flight back from Washington Mr Major pointed to signs of an upturn in the housing market as evidence that the tide of recession could be turning. His officials later highlighted recent figures on inflation, interest rates, factory gate prices, earnings, unit wage costs, inward investment, economic growth, retail sales, big company strength, business confidence and exports as evidence that the economy was turning the corner.

They also pointed out that Michael Heseltine and Michael Howard had yesterday announced moves that would create at least 5,300 new jobs. A senior official said the figures showed that although the economy was still difficult, "if it's seen in terms of the international slowdown we are better placed to come out before anyone else".

Key elements in Downing Street's bulletin included:

☐ Inflation at 1.7 per cent, the lowest for more than 25 years. It has been below the EC average since August 1991 and below the average of the G7 leading industrialised countries for the first time in a decade. Underlying inflation at 3.2 per cent is the lowest for six years. Producer price inflation is at 2.7 per cent.

☐ Industrial production over the past 12 months up 0.5 per cent. This compares with falls of 8.25 per cent in Japan, 3.75 per cent in Germany and France, 1.75 per cent in Italy and 6.75 per cent in Spain.

☐ Growth in manufacturing unit wage costs is below that of Germany and Japan.

☐ Interest rates at 6 per cent, the lowest in the EC. The nine-point fall in the base rate since October 1990 has saved firms £11 billion and cut £160 a month off a £33,000 mortgage.

☐ Britain has the highest proportion of adults in work of any EC country except Denmark and Luxembourg.

☐ In 1991, the UK attracted 40 per cent of Japanese and 36 per cent of US inward investment in the EC.

☐ Retail sales up 0.25 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1992 compared with the previous quarter and 1.25 per cent up on the same period a year ago.

☐ Exports at record levels in the fourth quarter of 1992 and 5.5 per cent higher than a year earlier. Balance of new export orders highest for four years.

☐ Productivity in the third quarter of 1992 rising faster than at any time for five years.

☐ Investment in plant and machinery higher than in the 1970s or early 1980s.

☐ Half of the most profitable top 20 companies in the EC are British.

☐ January's CBI survey showed business confidence at the highest level since April 1988.

☐ **Labour reply:** Harriet Harman, the shadow Treasury chief secretary, said the Autumn Statement, intended to boost economic activity "has failed to deliver the government's claims" (Robert Morgan writes). Analysis of government spending plans showed that public sector asset creation would fall by £674 million next year, a drop of 2.3 per cent; central government net capital expenditure on assets would fall by 20 per cent and net capital expenditure on grants would fall by 11 per cent over three years; and investment plans for the nationalised industries were set to fall by 25 per cent by 1995-6.

MICHAEL POWELL



Open door: John Major and President Herzog at 10 Downing Street yesterday, where they discussed the Arab-Israeli peace process. Mr Herzog, the first Israeli president to visit Britain officially, said he was confident of an eventual peace agreement.

Tory party warned against witch-hunt

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

A SENIOR Tory opponent of the Maastricht treaty last night warned the party establishment against a witch-hunt of the Euro-sceptics as recriminations continued over the ambush of the rebels.

Sir George Gardiner, one of the chief targets of mainstream backbench fury over the rebels' delaying tactics in the Commons, said that the Maastricht treaty raised deep constitutional issues and divided the party. "We must try to contain that split, not hype it up," Sir George, a member of the 1922 executive, said. "This is why Thursday's staged witch-hunt at the 1922 committee meeting is so damaging to the party."

Sir George, who opposed the government on a motion seeking to curtail debate on the treaty only an hour after the behind-the-scenes row in a Commons committee room, issued his warning as the rebels came under renewed pressure for "sabotaging" the government and undermining John Major.

The prime minister, on his flight back from Washington, insisted that ratification of the treaty was critical to hopes of recovery. "Although I understand people's frustrations about the Maastricht treaty, the underlying purpose and point of it is that it is actually about Britain's future prosperity, growth and jobs," Mr Major said. "Were Britain to find itself sidelined in Europe, it would not be a haven for overseas investment."

Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the 1922 committee, accused the rebels, whose numbers have swelled to nearly 50 since the autumn, of contributing to the government's difficulties by holding up the passage of the bill and so preventing ministers from dealing with more pressing matters. "A majority of the backbenchers are now getting rather tired of this minority, who will go to any lengths to destroy Maastricht," he said. "Never before have we had colleagues who are refusing to support procedural motions, such as closures."

The bitter exchanges at the 1922 meeting, at which Sir George and four other executive members faced demands for their resignation, are a sign that Maastricht is corroding relationships in the parliamentary party's uppermost echelons.

Major returns to political reality

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

John Major enjoyed his brief trip to Washington. Not only did he achieve his main aims — getting to know President Clinton and his team and obtaining reassurances on American trade policy — but he also had a brief respite from the turmoil of Westminster. No one mentioned Maastricht.

Mr Major revels in international politics. Like many previous prime ministers, he finds talking to fellow heads of government satisfying. They are mainly less troublesome than domestic politicians. He is treated with respect on such visits, where the emphasis is on highlighting points of agreement, however bland, rather than areas of disagreement. That suits Mr Major, who is at his best in seeking consensus and winning people over.

Mr Major was clearly intrigued by Mr Clinton; in part, the interest of one committed career politician in another. On the flight to America the prime minister read the full text of the president's State of the Union address. After lengthy talks on Wednesday, Mr Major and his advisers were impressed by Mr Clinton, not just, as one said, as a "real politician" but also for his command of detail and for his determination to shift the direction of American politics and society. The British government is not going to underestimate Mr Clinton's political skills. A working relationship has now been established, not only between the two heads of government but also between their key advisers.

Like George Bush, Mr Major enjoys the personal side of such diplomacy, getting to know and assess other leaders. He may not be lofty, but he impresses other leaders with his solid strengths of being well briefed and courteously firm. He talks knowledgeably, for example, about the political position of Boris Yeltsin and about who may emerge from the current upheavals of French politics. During his visit to Capitol Hill, the prime minister was obviously fascinated to meet Senator Strom Thurmond, the champion of states rights against federally imposed desegregation. Mr Major was only five when Mr Thurmond led the Dixiecrat revolt at the Democratic convention in 1948.

Mr Major plans more visits like the one to India last month when a party of leading British businessmen was included and some big contracts were announced. He is likely to take a similar group to Japan in the late summer, though this will be more to help open up markets rather than to finalise deals. A similar visit is possible to Malaysia.

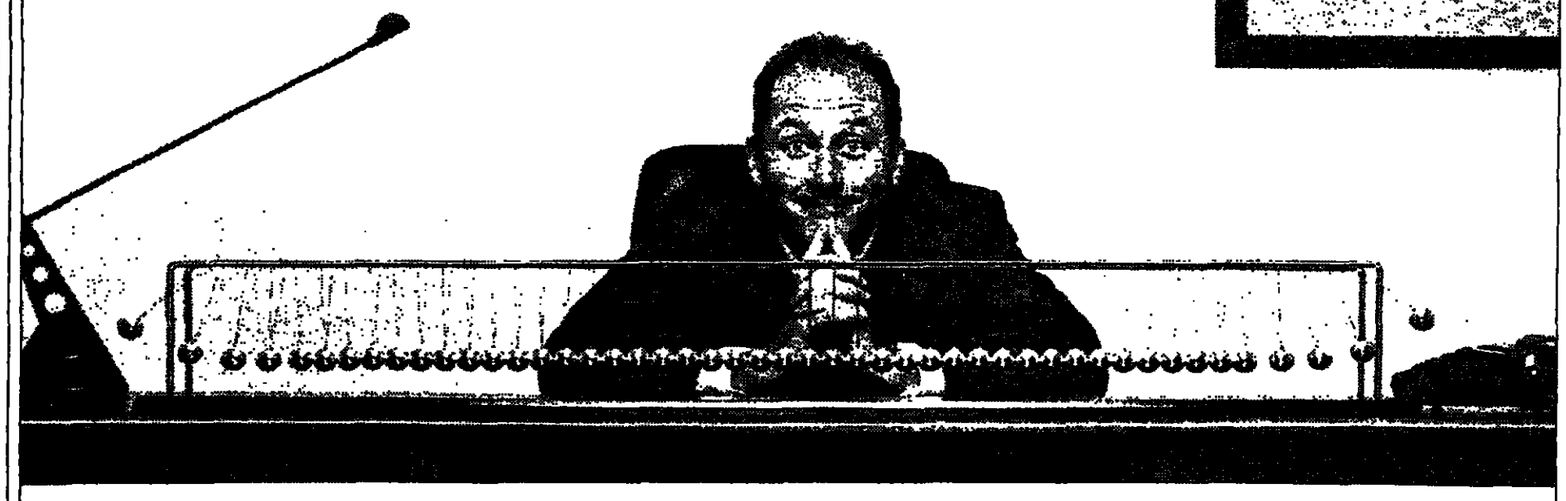
Away from Westminster, Mr Major shows his most positive features. He was relaxed, approachable and affable throughout the Washington trip, chatting and joking with journalists. However, he always seems to be holding himself in control, and appeared irritated when challenged in television interviews on Thursday about stories of a growing malaise in British society.

Such overseas trips are always artificial, like a cocoon in which domestic and other pressures rarely intrude. As soon, however, as Mr Major returned to London late on Thursday evening, he was reminded of these political realities by reports of further job losses, the bleak news in the latest *Mori* poll and further rows among Tory MPs over the Maastricht bill. The consolations of foreign travel do not last long.

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Boy of 11 cannot dismiss Official Solicitor

Son in custody dispute too young to choose lawyers

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A BOY aged 11 failed yesterday to win the right to instruct his own lawyers to represent him in a legal battle between his parents over his upbringing. The Court of Appeal ruled that the child, referred to as "C", was too young to dismiss the Official Solicitor, who represents his interests.

Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, said that the case cried out for the application of the objective, experience judgment provided by David Venables, the Official Solicitor, and by a psychiatrist he had consulted. He said: "The Official Solicitor is duty-bound to bring C's views fully and fairly to the notice of the court, as both he and the consultant psychiatrist have conscientiously done."

Sir Thomas did not lay down guidelines for the future and indicated that each case would have to be treated on its merits. The Children Act 1989, which gave power to minors to apply for their own court rulings, means the courts are likely to hear more applications from children seeking to remove the Official Solicitor and appoint their own lawyers.

Mr Venables said after the judgment: "This lets us know where we stand. We have several similar cases which have been causing a certain amount of anxiety."

Describing C as intelligent, he said that each case had to be judged on the circumstances and maturity of the child. "The difficulty is that a child must be able to stand back and see all the implications of the case, and the court decided it was not right in this case for the child to have his own solicitor."

The court said that C lacked sufficient understanding to participate in emotionally complex and highly fraught proceedings. Sir Thomas, sitting with Lords Justices Rose and Waite, said that the boy, from the south of England, was not entitled to be represented independently in an acrimonious and persistent legal battle between his divorced British mother and American father about his care and upbringing. He must rely on Mr Venables to act as his legal guardian.

Sir Thomas said that the proposition that a boy of 11 should have the full rights of a litigant to intervene in a dispute between his parents might be surprising to some, but it had been justified by the Children Act. It had to be shown that a child seeking to instruct lawyers to act directly for him had sufficient understanding of the matters without a guardian appointed for a lawsuit. Sir Thomas said it was not possible to draw an arbitrary line saying when a child had reached that stage. "Different children have differing levels of understanding at the same age, and understanding is not an absolute."

The law was framed to protect the interests of children because they were liable to be vulnerable and impressionable, lacking the maturity to weigh the longer term against the shorter and lacking the experience to measure the probable against the possible, he said.

A child's wishes were not to be discounted or dismissed because of their age. The Children Act sought to redress the balance in the account taken of children's wishes compared with those of social workers and parents. Children had been regarded as chattels without rights and decisions were often made without consulting them.

A range of actions is expected as the full impact of the Children Act is felt. Allan Levy QC, a specialist in child-care law, said that when a child needed an advocate, solicitors and barristers had to be careful where the child did not have sufficient understanding of the issues involved.



Weather-beaten: the footbridge to Sanday that was damaged last month

Storm cuts family's island link

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

STORMS have badly damaged the bridge that links the remote Scottish island home of Robin and Winnie Wilkie with the outside world.

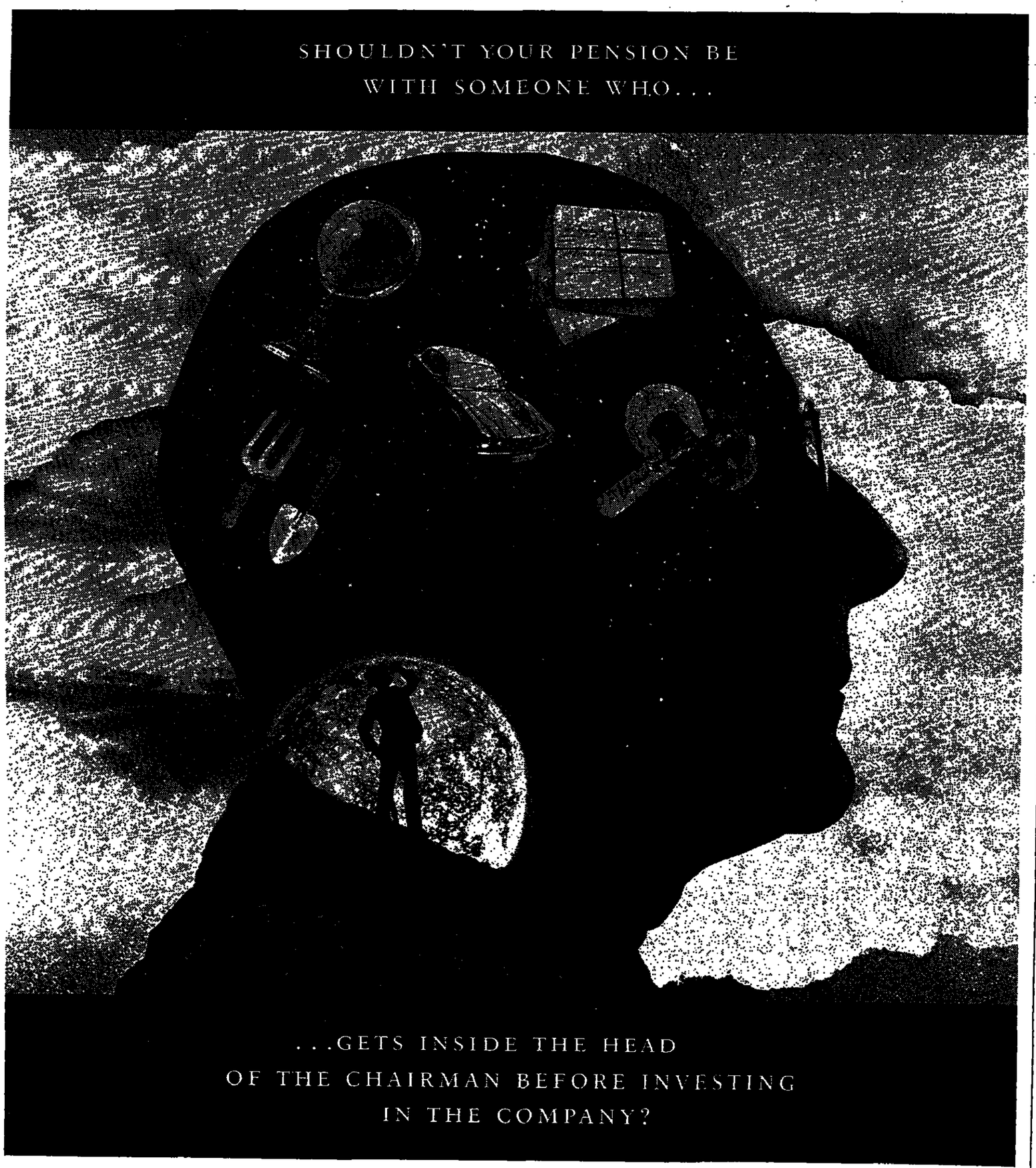
Robin and Winnie Wilkie and their daughters Sinead, 2, and Mairead, 1, are the only family living on Sanday in the Inner Hebrides. For the past few weeks their only access to the neighbouring island of Canna and the ferry to the mainland has been by dinghy or on foot at low tide.

The footbridge from the island is in such a bad condition that the Wilkies do not believe it is safe to take their children across. Mrs Wilkie, postmistress for Canna, said the family felt stranded. "The bridge has been down for about a month now. We're hoping it will be fixed soon."

Mr Wilkie, the postman, has to spend Friday nights on Canna to ensure he is on time for the boat bringing mail.

There is confusion about who is responsible for the bridge. The National Trust for Scotland, which owns the island, is investigating.

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Loss of respect leads to disaster

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The prime minister has reminded us on more than one occasion that we are ceasing to be a deferential society. As he says, on the whole this is to be applauded. It may be appropriate to defer to someone's superior knowledge or greater skill, and more obvious deference towards the law would in general be welcomed, but deference of the forelock-touching kind is fast disappearing. And good riddance, most would say.

The disappearance of one social attitude, however, may also threaten others related to it, and this may not be such good news. Honour, admiration and respect all share with deference a positive appreciation of another person's qualities or standing; but can they avoid being demoted alongside deference?

Honour belongs to a structured view of human relationships. This used to be most evident in the honours system as a means of assigning people to their supposed place in an ordered and hierarchical society. As the structures of society have changed, the system has found difficulty in adjusting to them and now falls under increasing criticism. Sadly, honour as a personal quality is beginning to suffer the same fate. Public figures, for instance, may do dishonourable things without feeling that honour forces them to resign. Ideas of honour seem to presuppose a fixity of moral boundaries which many people are no longer willing to recognise.

In a society that is suspicious of the idea of deferring to goodness, and in which "the great and the good" are associated more in the public mind with stuffed shirts than with personal distinction and experience, honour looks distinctly and dangerously outdated.

Admiration belongs in a more subjective realm and is more ephemeral. More positive than deference, it evokes emulation rather than submission. But it is threatened by the same forces in our society that are determined to cut goodness down to size. To be held up to admiration nowadays is an almost certain prelude to becoming the next victim in the public pillory.

Respect is the bedrock attitude without which admiration, honour and deference fail completely. The danger is that in chipping away at them, we may also begin to undermine respect itself. And that would be a disaster. Respect is rooted in the idea of the other person as precisely that: others are not to be taken for granted or exploited or diminished. To respect others is to acknowledge their presence, their qualities, their right to be themselves. Respect implies a relationship between equals, each with his or her own life, value and interests. It has, of course, a theological basis in the doctrine of man in the image of God. But it is not for nothing that Kant also saw it as the foundation of a universal rational morality.

In a society where deference is on the decline, it might be thought that mutual respect would take its place. Unfortunately, this is not apparent. When deference is brashly derided, honour devalued and admiration a matter of passing fashion, respect suffers as well. And when the moral structures of society are no longer kept in repair, the conventions through which respect normally finds expression cease to work. Modesty is a case in point. It seems a very old-fashioned virtue today, and can be airily dismissed as an offshoot of nervous bashfulness. Yet the ability to hold oneself in reserve, to give a relationship space and time in which to develop, not to flaunt oneself to compel assent, may require courage and generosity. Modesty provided one of the conventions within which respect could grow; it allowed for gradations in intimacy, gradations that are in danger of being ignored when people expect too much of each other too soon. It stands little chance, though, in a society where rudeness, pushiness, the clever put-down and the slick sound-bite capture all the attention. There is a boorishness about some sections of the media, for instance, which corrodes civility and civilisation.



Most serious of all, there is the now well-recognised malaise in our national life, for which everyone has a diagnosis. My own growing conviction is that at the heart of it there lies a progressive breakdown in the structure of moral relationships. These once gave people confidence in what they were, how their lives took shape and meaning from a God-given order outside themselves. We now live in a new world in which many of the landmarks have been removed.

To restore a sense of moral order is going to be hard though not, thank God, impossible. The strengthening of mutual respect, the bottom line in personal and social ethics, would be a good starting point.

Dr John Habgood is Archbishop of York.

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White House fends off sceptics on eve of Bosnia air drops

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton will this weekend embark on his first significant foreign policy action, the parachuting of emergency food into Bosnia, convinced that the humanitarian effort is justified, despite Americans' apprehensions over being dragged further into the Balkans conflict.

The message from Mr Clinton yesterday, conveyed by Al Gore, the vice-president, was that the operation was more than a largely symbolic gesture, as some sceptics claim, but would not lead to the commitment of American ground troops to another Vietnam.

Mr Gore admitted that the supplies dropped by air would be small compared to the amounts that can be delivered by land convoys. However, he insisted that the operation will provide real relief for people in isolated pockets who have been cut off from UN convoys by Serb roadblocks.

Appearing on breakfast television, Mr Gore was not pressed on why the administration has decided to go it alone with the air drops, although those questions are bound to come, especially if anything goes wrong with an inherently risky operation.

On Wednesday, Mr Clinton said he hoped other countries would take part. With France and Britain declining, the only other volunteers were Turkey and Pakistan, both Muslim nations whose participation would have antagonised the Serbs. One pointed critic was Dick Cheney, secretary of defence under President Bush, who said he is convinced the air drops are more symbolic than pragmatic. "I'm always nervous about using military force for purely symbolic purposes," he said.

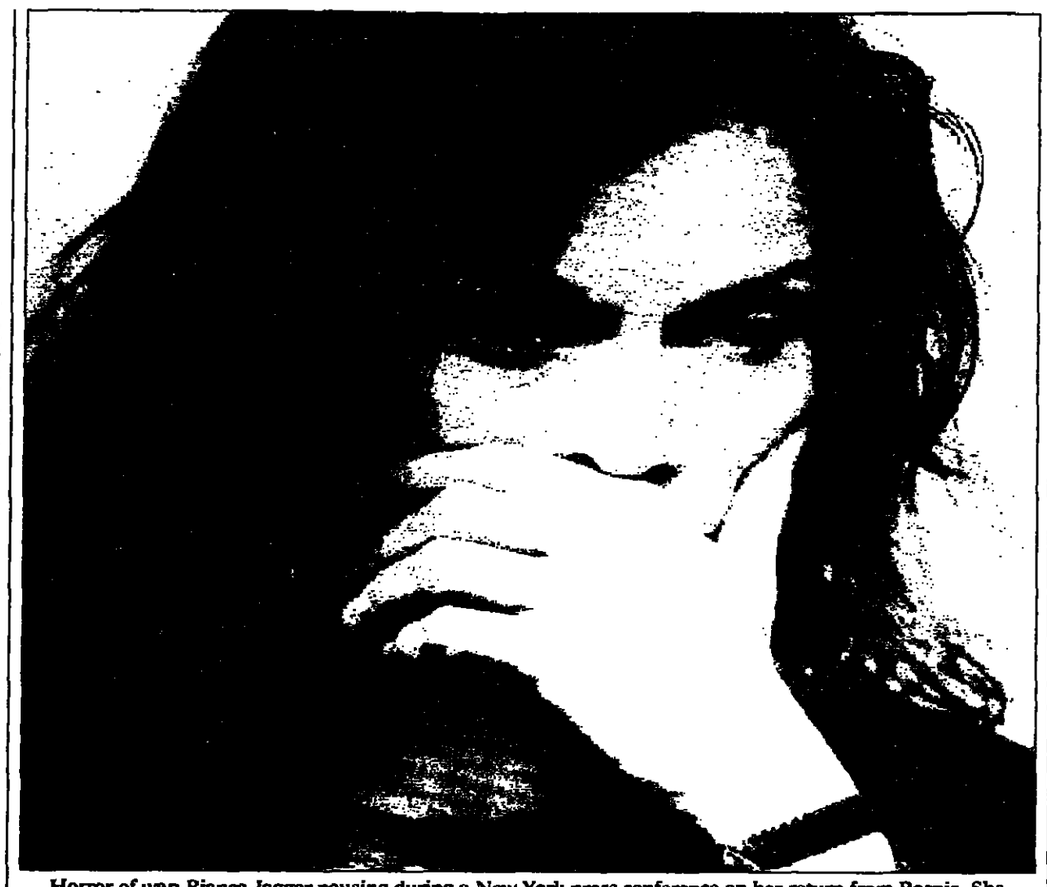
There is a strong military element to the operation, even though the emergency aid will be dropped from unarmed and unescorted C130 cargo planes of the air force. The C130s will be preceded by leaflet-dropping aircraft which can fly at low levels, following the terrain by radar, and which also carry electronic equipment capable of detecting anti-aircraft fire.

Further, the Pentagon has moved the aircraft carrier *John F. Kennedy* into the Adriatic with the biggest flotilla of warships yet seen in those waters, including an amphibious marine force. The carrier's combat aircraft are capable of conducting surveillance flights and the fleet's helicopters would inevitably come to the rescue of any aircrews shot down.

The air drops over eastern Bosnia are due to begin, probably tonight, with an initial blitz of 600,000 leaflets in local languages warning hostile forces not to fire on the aircraft and telling civilians "for your own safety keep out of the way until the bundles hit the ground". Then the first wave of five US Air Force C130s, flying from Frankfurt, will each drop 16 one-ton pallets of flour, cooking oil, sugar, beans, coffee, prepacked military meals and medical kits in five areas where more than 100,000 Bosnians are said to be starving.

The operation will begin under cover of darkness to outfox Serb gunners who are armed with a variety of Soviet-made anti-aircraft missiles. As another precaution against ground fire, the aircraft will release their loads from a safe altitude of 10,000 ft, beyond the range of flak but with the probable result that the aid will be widely scattered over the countryside.

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Horror of war: Bianca Jagger pausing during a New York press conference on her return from Bosnia. She spoke of the torture of women in the war-torn country and said the Owen-Vance plan had no hope of success

Europe stays cool on Clinton airlift

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

AMERICA'S European allies yesterday edged further away from President Clinton's plan to drop food and medicine to starving Bosnians by refusing to send planes or people on the operation.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said after his first meeting with fellow Nato foreign ministers that he had only been looking for general support for the planned airborne relief operation and that he was "encouraged" by the expressions of support he had received.

"I did not come here to ask for their participation in the air drop," Mr Christopher said afterwards. "Some may be coming along, but I did not come here for that purpose."

Only Hikmet Cetin, the Turkish foreign minister, offered planes, food and medicines. Other European governments spent this week trying to lower American expectations that allied aircraft or personnel would join the air drops to isolated Muslim communities in Serb-controlled eastern Bosnia, which could get under way in the next few days.

Mr Christopher sent an open-ended request for material help or at least verbal support to all Nato capitals on Monday, but Europe's help will be limited and indirect.

British officials do not rule out supplying food and medicine. Italy has promised to allow the American transport planes to use military airfields. The Dutch foreign minister said that his government was willing to help but gave no details. Washington has gently declined a Dutch offer of fighter escorts for the flights.

Nato headquarters indicated yesterday that its existing Awacs radar planes keeping watch on Bosnian airspace will also keep an eye on the safety of the US flights. This move deftly bypasses the deep problems which will confront the German government if any its servicemen serving in the Awacs teams are brought close to a "combat" role.

European diplomats are privately dismissive of the American airlift plan.

Iran offers political backing

FROM REUTER IN NICOSIA

IRAN is unable to send volunteers to fight against Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina, but should intensify its political support for fellow Muslims there, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the country's supreme leader, said yesterday.

"We regret that we cannot defend that nation. We regret the Muslim youth cannot reach there for defence because the roads are blocked," he told a mass prayer meeting in Tehran.

Ayatollah Khamenei, who called several times last year for volunteers from Muslim states to be sent to Bosnia, did not make clear whether Iran had tried to send fighters there.

Muslims suffer backlash

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE

■ Muslims in Belgrade look back with regret to the iron rule of Tito, when they enjoyed both tolerance and recognition

ONE 16th-century mosque remains today in the heart of Belgrade, where centuries ago more than 200 flourished. Now ten small congregations meet in private dwellings.

About 150,000 Muslims live in the Serbian capital, many from Bosnia, southern Serbia and the Albanian majority province of Kosovo, said Mufti Hamdi Jusuf-Spahic, 56, himself from the central Bosnian town of Gornji Vakuf. Thousands of Bosnian Muslim refugees have taken refuge in Serbia, he said.

Once Belgrade exemplified the Yugoslav ideal of different nationalities; Serb, Croat, Slovene, Muslim and ethnic Albanian living together in a lively and sophisticated melting-pot. It was an immensely safe and tolerant city.

But the Croatian and then the Bosnian war fractured that cosmopolitan dream. Just as in the Croatian capital Zagreb, nationalism is on the rise. To have a Serb surname and worship on Sundays in an Orthodox church is now for many here a litmus test of loyalty.

For the increasingly influential Serb nationalists, most Muslims must fail these tests. Now many Muslims who have lived in Belgrade for decades say their lives are becoming increasingly harassed. Tension is rising as Serbs in Belgrade see their friends and relatives killed and wounded by Muslim fighters in the Bosnian war.

Under Tito, Muslims enjoyed a status probably unique in the world. While Serbs and Croats argue that Yugoslav Muslims had merely been converted by the Turks, Muslims enjoyed tolerance and representation across Yugoslav state institutions.

"By religion and nationality I am Muslim, because my Bosnian nationality is not recognised," said Mufti Jusuf-Spahic. "But my orientation is Yugoslav. I never had another homeland, I grew up there and I was educated there. That Yugoslavia kept the peace. Only now can we see how much Tito meant to us, because under him there was no war."

The Times sends aid for the children

BY NICHOLAS WATT

The Times is sending a lorry to the heart of Bosnia's war zones to distribute food and medical supplies to children whose lives have been dislocated by the fighting. The charity *War Child* says traumatised youngsters desperately need help.

The actress Susannah York, who is supporting *War Child*, said: "Our drivers make sure that the aid does not pile up in a warehouse outside Sarajevo. We get aid quickly and directly to the people."

Miss York said she had been moved by the plight of children in the former Yugoslavia from the beginning of the war. "They are the lifeblood and the future of any country and my sense of justice is outraged that innocent children are being killed. Youngsters' lives have been shattered and we want to do everything we can to make up for what politicians' greed has done to them," she said.

War Child, which has already provided a ventilator for Zagreb's children hospital, also aims to provide long-term support for children once they have returned home. David Wilson, who set up the charity, said: "Every kid is in terrible shock and we want to help." Doug Meachen, 25, who has already made three trips to Bosnia, said it was terrifying to drive near the fighting. "I never know whether the snippers are aiming at me and I can't wear a flak-jacket because they are just stolen," he said. "But I get a great buzz when I arrive because the locals come out in tears offering whisky and beer. They think we're mad."

The charity is raising money this weekend with three nights of entertainment at London's Royal Festival Hall. Julian Lloyd Webber and Peter Donohoe, the pianist, head an evening of classical music tonight; Miss York and Tom Stoppard will introduce an evening of jazz tomorrow; and Jonathan Ross heads a comedy night on Monday. Tickets can be obtained from the box office on 071 928 8800.

Donations can be sent to: War Child, 12 Greenland Street, London NW1 OND. Tel: 071 916 9276.

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Russians fear new isolation

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

ANDREI Kozyrev, Russia's foreign minister, has given a warning that the West is starting to isolate his country and risks playing into the hands of those bent on undermining reforms and closing off Russia from the rest of Europe.

In an article published yesterday in *Nato Review*, the alliance's journal, Mr Kozyrev said: "I am worried by how quickly a school of thought has sprung up in the West which maintains that it is better to have dealings with a weakened Russia, left alone with its troubles. This selling short of a power which is historically destined to be great is not only unrealistic but dangerous, because it kindles nationalism and confrontational attitudes both in Russia and throughout the world."

Moscow fears that the period of Western understanding and encouragement may be over. Mr Kozyrev is known to believe the scant success of reform has led foreign governments to conclude that Russia will be an unreliable partner and a black hole for economic aid, and that the safest policy is polite disengagement.

This week Moscow issued a communiqué accusing a top Nato official of "reviving forgotten stereotypes from the days of East-West confrontation". In a London speech, Nato's supreme commander in Europe, General John Shalikashvili, said the alliance's forces should be strengthened and talked of a threat from the east. The Russian foreign ministry told Tass: "We can't help expressing our bewilderment ... the speech seems to have come straight out of a newspaper from the Cold war." General Shalikashvili says the ministry misinterpreted his speech.

Russia's foreign policy is being attacked by conservatives who accuse Mr Kozyrev of "selling out" the country's legacy as a great power. He often runs a gauntlet of protesters who accuse him of betraying former allies such as the Serbs and Iraq, and he has told foreign leaders that the West has been too slow to realise the fragility of Russia's nascent identification with Western aims and values.

Mr Kozyrev astonished European foreign ministers in Stockholm in December with a spoof speech announcing a hardline shift, to alert his listeners to the threat to existing policy. It was a risky strategy and brought him severe criticism, not least from President Yeltsin. Yesterday's salvo however appears to have the Kremlin's blessing.

The *Nato Review* article is intended to lay the ground for April's summit between Mr Yeltsin and President Clinton. Its timing, for the week before the possible referendum on whether the presidency or parliament should have supreme power, is an attempt by the Kremlin to bolster Mr Yeltsin's authority, backed by America. Mr Yeltsin hopes the US administration will be more responsive to Russia's difficulties than the Bush presidency in its final year.



Diplomatic partnership: Andrei Kozyrev of Russia and Warren Christopher

Amato seeks ways to limit bribery scandal

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Italian government, bolstered by a parliamentary confidence vote, yesterday sought ways to bring the mammoth corruption scandal in the country under control as the powerful industrialist, Raul Gardini, became the latest public figure placed under investigation.

Signor Gardini was told he was under scrutiny regarding Enimont, a former joint venture between the chemical group Montedison SpA and the state energy concern ENI. Signor Gardini was chairman of Enimont for most of its two-year existence. Also placed under investigation by magistrates yesterday was another industrialist, Sergio Cragnotti, the president of the Lazio football club, who faces allegations of false accounting when he was the Enimont managing director. On Thursday night Lorenzo Necci, chairman of the state-run railway corporation, was placed under investigation.

Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, yesterday presided over a relatively relaxed cabinet meeting for the first time in a week after winning a confidence vote in parliament on Thursday approving a reshuffle of his senior ministers to replace two senior figures toppled by fallout from the bribery scandal. With new senior businessmen and politicians being placed under investigation in the affair every day and seven suicides among those accused, the cabinet has begun examining ways to bring the scandal under control without appearing to pervert the course of justice, political sources said.

Giovanni Conso, the new justice minister, is thought to believe the time may be ripe for some form of amnesty after the resignation of Giorgio La Malfa, the opposition Republican leader, on Thursday when he was placed under investigation. He is suspected of failing to declare a contribution to an election campaign fund of 50 million lire (£24,000), which was scorned by newspapers as paltry compared with the amounts in the corruption scandal.

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Junta's enemies broken in Burmese gulag



Shackled slaves: prisoners of the Rangoon military dictatorship at the Talay river breaking stones under armed guard to build a road connecting China, through Burma, to the Thai border. Photographs by James Pringle



No escape: one of the Mong Hpayak prisoners standing with his legs held tight in a steel chain

Chain gangs build road for traffic in drugs and girls

*Burmese generals have turned their pro-democracy student enemies into slave labour, writes **James Pringle** from Mong Hpayak*

CHAIN gangs of shackled prisoners, including political detainees, stand up to their knees in the Talay river under armed guard at Mong Hpayak in Burma's Eastern Shan state. They are breaking stones to build a road connecting China and the Thai border along which heroin, girls and Japanese cars are already being transported.

A shuffling band of pathetic human wrecks, some of them racked with fever, stagger from the river, the chains that connect their ankles to their waists clanking, when they see a visitor. One says in English: "Please give a few cents to help us buy some necessities and something to smoke."

Some prisoners are hardened criminals, a number of them heroin addicts, others are young men barely out of their teens. As the man begins to speak again, a guard approaches and he moves away muttering as he is handed some Burmese currency and a handful of Burmese cheroots to distribute: "I can't say more — it is forbidden."

In a village near by, a man in his thirties whispers to a visitor: "My friend, a student from Rangoon, was working as a prisoner on the road and now he is dead." Looking round nervously, as most Burmese do when talking to a foreigner, he added: "I can't say how he died — I am too afraid to repeat it."

Most students working in the chain gangs along this road were seized in Rangoon when pro-democracy demonstrations were suppressed violently by the military's State Law and Order Restoration Council that took power in 1988 and later arrested Daw Aung Sang Suu Kyi, the democracy leader who has been held under house arrest for the past three-and-a-half years. Her release has been called for by a group of Nobel Peace laureates, including the Dalai Lama, which was in Bangkok this month.

The 104-mile journey from Tachileik, a town on the Burmese side of the border with Thailand, along a tortuous track that hugs ravines and winds through malaria-infested forested mountains beyond which lie the poppy fields of one of the richest opium-growing regions in the world, to Kengtung, unofficial capital of the Golden Triangle, enables a visitor to see the Burmese gulag at first hand.

"The Burmese military is so out of touch with the real world it does not seem to realise it is doing anything wrong, and in theory is allowing even tourists to see this," a Burma specialist said recently in Bangkok.

The road, closed since 1950 when Chinese Kuomintang troops driven from China seized Kengtung, was reopened late last year by the harsh Rangoon military junta, prompted by its need to end its international isolation and perhaps encourage a tourist trade in the Burmese sector of the Golden Triangle, where the borders of Burma, Laos and Thailand meet. It was able to open the road as the Burmese army gradually reasserted control after a ceasefire in 1989 with remnants of armed units of the Burmese Communist Party after a mutiny in the party's ranks. There are army camps on the edge of every town and village.

The uneasy peace has resulted in an explosion of opium-growing. The US State Department estimates that poppy-growing areas in the Burmese section of the triangle increased from 230,000 acres in 1987 to 400,000 acres now.

Opium is processed into heroin in refineries on the Burmese side of the border in which the restoration council is believed to be involved. "It could hardly be done without the complicity of the military," one resident in Mai Sai, the Thai border town opposite Tachileik, said.

This road was described by Dr Gordon Seagrave, an American Baptist missionary surgeon, during the second world war as "the most beautiful in Burma". He wrote in *Burma Surgeon*, published in 1944: "It was literally nothing but a shelf, sometimes cut out of solid rock, sometimes built up with stones from the river's bed. You had to scrape the cliff to stay on the road at times."

Dr Seagrave, possibly the last person to write about the road, saw Akha hill tribe women "each with a pipe in her mouth and a bare protuberant abdomen". This is exactly the sight travellers are now seeing as they pass through bamboo-and-thatch Akha villages.

However, the traveller also sees black Japanese sedan cars without number plates being driven along the dusty track that links with the road leading to Yunnan province in China, where there is growing prosperity fuelled by the Chinese government's economic reform and by the drug trade in Yunnan. The market in Tachileik is crammed with Chinese consumer goods also transported along the route being rebuilt by the fettered prisoners.

Sources in Kengtung and Mai Sai say that Shan girls, who have a milky-white complexion and rosy cheeks, also travel this road to Thailand with young girls from southwest China. They are on their way to work in the flesh trade in Bangkok or farther afield. The Shan girls are able to return, some HIV-positive, but the Chinese girls are sold to agents in Thailand.

"Their final fate can only be imagined," a resident in Mae Sai familiar with this traffic in sexual slaves, said.



Under guard: a chained prisoner crouches near an armed escort

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Hong Kong businessmen welcome reform delay

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE decision by Chris Patten, governor of Hong Kong, to delay publication of his controversial Hong Kong constitutional reform bills, due to be tabled in the colonial legislature by the end of the month, sent a wave of optimism through the influential local business community yesterday, despite a storm of protest by liberal politicians.

Mr Patten and his secretive Executive Council postponed the measures without explanation late on Thursday, despite earlier pledges that his plans for broadening the franchise for the partly elected legislature would not be put on hold without good reason.

The move was seen as a concession to China, which has bitterly opposed the governor's reforms and has demanded they be withdrawn. However, there was no indication yesterday that China had responded positively to Mr Patten's overture, although there have been continuing behind-the-scenes contacts between London, Hong Kong and Peking over the last two weeks.

Martin Lee, the leader of the liberal United Democrats, expressed disappointment at the decision, warning it would be interpreted as a return to Britain's previous policy of appeasing Peking. Pro-democracy liberals, haunted by past British climbdowns in the face of Chinese intransigence, reacted with alarm.

"The British government has lost the negotiations before they have even begun," Mr Lee said on radio. "We know from experience that every time the two governments sit down, who loses in these negotiations? Have you ever seen the British winning anything by negotiations with the Chinese government?"

But the stock market rose 148 points, reflecting the belief that some kind of reconciliation could now be now under way. Conservative and business circles fear that continued confrontation with China will undermine Hong Kong's prosperity and damage their business in China.

In the run-up to 1997 when the colony reverts to Chinese control, conservative forces have strongly criticised Mr Patten for rocking the boat.

Despite the business community's optimism, Chinese officials continued to demand that Mr Patten's proposals be put aside before direct talks on the colony's 1995 election arrangements can take place. However, opinion polls consistently show that the proposals enjoy much public support. Although response rates tend to be low, and there is always a large number undecided, the polls regularly come out 2-1 in favour of Mr Patten's modest proposals.

Some analysts are willing to give Mr Patten the benefit of the doubt, saying that past climbdowns were carried out when Hong Kong policy was dominated by Foreign Office "old China hands".

These experts, like Mr Patten's predecessor, Lord Wilson, opposed confronting Peking and said that the only way to achieve results was through compromise.

☐ **Counterfeit cash:** Police have detained nine men and seized $7 million in counterfeit notes in the biggest seizure ever of forged American money in the territory (AP reports).

The arrests and seizures were made after raids on 20 locations, the police said. The leader of the group was among those arrested. The United States Secret Service originally provided information about the group to the local police.

Academics picked in Seoul reshuffle

BY JOANNA PITMAN

PLEDGING to end the influence of the military on South Korea's politics, President Kim Young Sam yesterday announced a sweeping cabinet reshuffle naming a full complement of new ministers drawn largely from academic and economic circles.

A day after his inauguration as the country's first civilian president in 32 years, Mr Kim named Han Seung Joo, professor of political science at Korea University, as his foreign minister, and Han Wan Sang, politics professor at Seoul National University, as his unification minister. Another professor was named as the head of the powerful Agency for National Security Planning, formerly known as the Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr Kim's clean sweep is designed to display his determination to continue the process of democratisation begun six years ago under his predecessor, the former general, Roh Tae Woo. With a growing and avowedly capitalist middle class — which Koreans claim accounts for 80 per cent of the population of 43 million — a tolerable level of freedom of the press and the introduction of local autonomy, the democratic experiment appears to be moving in the right direction.

One prominent former general remains in the form of Hwang In Sung, who was named on Monday as prime minister. But the appointment of academics to some of the top cabinet posts reflects Koreans' strong admiration for Confucian teachings.

Mr Han Wang, in charge of the unification portfolio, is likely to find his new job a dramatic change from the world of academe. He will be challenged with one of the most important tasks of all, continuing the delicate process of diplomatic detente with the country's menacing northern neighbour, North Korea.

The International Atomic Energy Agency issued an ultimatum in Vienna yesterday to North Korea, asking for access to two nuclear project sites within a month. Western intelligence believes the projects to be nuclear weapons production plants and has ranked them as the number one threat in Asia.

☐ **Taipei:** Lien Chan, Taiwan's prime minister, named a business-oriented, technocratic cabinet in a reshuffle that put liberal allies in key posts. Six out of eight ministers were replaced. *(Reuter)*

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Mogadishu clashes threaten to delay pullout by Marines

The West seems powerless to bring order as chaos grows across Africa, from civil war in Angola to democratic experiment in Zaire

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

SOMALI gunmen and foreign troops exchanged fire in the centre of Mogadishu yesterday, the fourth day of demonstrations orchestrated to rebuild the flagging reputation of one of the country's most notorious warlords. Fears are growing that the fighting could delay the handover of the American-led international operation to the United Nations.

Nigerian troops opened machinegun and rifle fire to drive out snipers occupying buildings close to the international airport which is the headquarters for the multinational Operation Restore Hope. Last night the capital calmed down as General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, who had instigated the anti-American demonstrations, appealed for peace on his radio station.

The American forces, at first welcomed by General Aidid, are now seen by his Habre Gedir clan as worse than the body they most hated, aside from other rival clans — the United Nations.

On Wednesday, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, had said that news of the violence in Mogadishu had been exaggerated and insisted that it would not jeopardise the handover from American to UN command of the 33,000-member foreign force, expected next month. In New York last night, Dr Boutros Ghali said he was preparing to present the Security Council with a report that would form the basis of a resolution on replacing the force with what he called a peace enforcement operation.

The clashes in Kismayu and Mogadishu have already delayed the departure of 1,000 American marines who were supposed to be replaced by soldiers from other countries. Analysts agree that a further deterioration in the security situation would mean that American forces would have to stay longer than expected in Somalia.

An unprecedented military expedition on purely humanitarian grounds Operation Restore Hope is, perhaps, the most stark example of the powerlessness of the international community to bring order to the growing chaos across the African continent which has followed the end of the Cold war.

The World Food Programme issued a warning this week that the renewed civil war in Angola threatens to plunge the country into a famine on the same scale as the catastrophe to strike Somalia, where 350,000 people died last year.

In another development, America, France and Belgium have demanded that President Mobutu step aside and allow democracy to grow in Zaire. Last night troops who were paid with an invalid five-million zaires banknote released 400 members of the country's transitional parliament, the high council, after nearly three days of holding them captive in their building, the People's Palace, in Kinshasa. Although Washington called on Marshal Mobutu to order the soldiers to end the siege, it is not clear whether they withdrew because of this or because they had made their point. Their aim was not political.

THE RAF mercy flights from Mombasa in Kenya to the starving in Somalia are to cease tomorrow, the defence ministry announced last night (Robert Morgan writes). The two C130 Hercules aircraft from RAF Lyneham will return to their Wiltshire base as soon as practical. They have delivered about 3,000 tonnes of food and medicine since December.



Field of fire: a line of US Marines taking up positions during a clash with snipers near the UN headquarters in the centre of Mogadishu. One Somali was killed and three Marines wounded in the exchange of gunfire

Euthanasia doctor could face charges

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

DR JACK Kevorkian, the euthanasia advocate who has helped 15 people to commit suicide over the past three years, may be charged with murder after prosecutors in Michigan obtained a document apparently showing that one of the people whose recent suicide was assisted by him changed his mind at the last moment.

The document about the death of Hugh Gale, 70, was handed to prosecutors by an opponent of Dr Kevorkian on Thursday, the same day that Michigan legislators voted to bring into effect a law banning assisted suicide in the state. The paper was found in a rubbish bin. Gale, who suffered from emphysema and heart disease, died on February 15 by inhaling carbon monoxide through a mask, using an apparatus built by Dr Kevorkian.

The document, apparently signed by Dr Kevorkian and three other witnesses, says that about 45 minutes after Gale activated Dr Kevorkian's "suicide machine", "the patient became flushed, agitated, breathing deeply, saying 'Take it off!' ". The mask was then removed, and Gale regained his composure. Twenty minutes later, he asked to have the mask strapped on a second time but again became upset and asked for it to be removed; however, he became unconscious immediately and "the mask was left in place".

Police are treating the incident as homicede, although no charges have yet been laid.

NEWS IN BRIEF

King will testify in retrial

New York: The prosecution in the second "Rodney King" case in Los Angeles has emphasised that it is the four police officers involved who are on trial, not Mr King (Ben Macintyre writes).

Mr King did not testify in the first case, but he is due to take the witness stand this time round. Last year, the acquittal of the officers who were accused of beating the black motorist led to mass rioting.

Mr King was described yesterday as a convicted felon who was drunk and speeding on the night of his arrest, but Steven Clymer, the assistant US attorney, added: "The issue of whether he is guilty or innocent that night is not the issue in this trial."

UN man quits

Phnom Penh: Gerard Porcell, the United Nations chief administrator in Cambodia, has resigned, criticising the UN for its inability to take a tougher stand against the radical Khmer Rouge rebels and the Phnom Penh government for its obstruction. *(Reuter)*

Cartel crack

Bogotá: Giovanny Lopera, who ruled the Medellin drug cartel's gang of assassins has surrendered, the third drugs boss to do so. Police think his leader, the fugitive Pablo Escobar, is now preparing to surrender again. *(AP)*

Bosnia grudge

Washington: Mir Aimal Kansi, the Pakistani accused of killing two workers at the CIA headquarters last month, was angered by America's failure to help Bosnia's Muslims, prosecutors said. He is still being hunted and is believed to have fled to Pakistan.

Students held

Peking: The justice ministry confirmed that two most wanted student leaders of the 1989 pro-democracy demonstrations were still in prison, contradicting a recent assertion that all the students had been freed. *(Reuter)*

Left to die

Frankfurt: Private Cassie Byrd, 21, charged at an American court martial with murder, wept as she admitted she left her month-old daughter Acilen alone at her base to die while she went off for three weeks' home leave. *(Reuter)*

Opposition win

Antananarivo: Albert Zafy, the opposition leader, was declared winner of Madagascar's presidential election, ending 17 years of virtual dictatorship by Didier Ratsiraka. *(Reuter)*

Britain ponders diplomatic role

BY ROGER BOYES

JOHN Major signalled yesterday a review of British diplomacy to bring it into line with the changes since the collapse of communist rule.

Speaking on BBC Radio Four, Mr Major said: "The world is changing at such a rate that we cannot afford not to examine these changes, take account of them and see where British interest lies."

The Foreign Office has been working on these issues. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said this month that British diplomacy would have to find a balance between projecting itself globally — essential for a trading nation — and working within a tight budget. "Our diplomacy is now undermanned," he said, "compared with that of our main colleagues and competitors."

Even small savings in Foreign Office spending can have a big impact on Britain's regional role. A favourite parlour game of diplomats is to take a savings figure and translate it into lost embassies. To save £14 million, for example, could mean the closure of all British missions in sub-Saharan Africa, except for Pretoria and Lagos.

The political logic is, however, to focus more narrowly on Britain's immediate needs, and thereby save money. More envoys are to be appointed to the Commonwealth of Independent States. Most of the posts will be staffed at a relatively low level. The exception is Ukraine — a nuclear state with big economic potential.

Diplomats are working out how far embassy posts can be shared with other European Community states. This makes economic sense, and is in the spirit of European unity, but Mr Major may have doubts over such job-sharing. He said yesterday that the Foreign Office "exists to look after the interests of Britain abroad". That suggests a clear distinction between British and European interests, especially in areas such as the former Soviet Union.

Mr Major is fighting to defend Britain's permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council. Despite some American calls for the council to be broadened, he has returned from Washington convinced that Britain cannot surrender its permanent seat. However, the prime minister



Hurd: spoke of need to find balance

accepts that this prominence at the UN means Britain cannot retreat from global affairs on the basis that there may be no specific British interest involved: "Membership of the security council carries with it obligations including military obligations." It is this changing relationship between the cash-strapped military establishment and cash-strapped diplomatists that has to be rethought.

Setback as Arabs confer

RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AMERICA'S attempts at reconvening Middle East peace negotiations appeared to receive a setback yesterday when Syria made clear that none of the Arab participants would agree to resume talks with Israel until they had forged a joint position some time next month.

The move follows the visit to the region by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State. Yesterday Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian foreign minister, who had talks this week with Mr Christopher, declined to say if his country would accept the invitation made by America and Russia on Thursday to the parties to attend the next round of talks in April. "We are going to convene a co-ordination meeting for the Arab side in Damascus, in order to come up with a unified Arab position vis-à-vis the [Palestinian] deportations issue and the resumption of the peace talks," said Mr al-Sharaa.

Although Damascus is believed to be eager to resume talks with the Israelis on a "land for peace" deal over the Golan Heights, as the leading Arab power in the region, Syria cannot ignore the needs of the other parties, in particular the Palestinians. "We want a global settlement," Mr al-Sharaa told *Le Figaro* yesterday. "If we had wanted a separate peace, we could have done it years ago." If Syria maintains that position, the Arab side can move only at the pace of the Palestinian delegation, which refuses to return to talks until the issue of the deportees stranded in Lebanon is resolved.

South Africa tops crime table

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A RATHER rueful editorial comment appeared this week in the *Sowetan*, the newspaper produced for black readers and the country's biggest selling daily.

"Our criminals have a bizarre way of showing solidarity or welcoming visitors to our shores. Kenneth Kaunda, here as a guest of the African National Congress, had his hotel room burgled. And some of the overseas delegates to the ANC's solidarity conference were mugged," the paper says.

"Other countries welcome visitors with open arms; we empty their pockets. Maybe that's what is meant by the redistribution of wealth."

The editors of the *Sowetan* may be able to joke about it, but for many potential visitors to this country the threat of crime is a significant deterrent. A group of Russian musicians from the army dance troupe on an official visit to the country were mugged a few yards outside their hotel.

Another anti-apartheid visitor to the ANC's international solidarity conference at the weekend made an assignation in his hotel bar with a woman he took to be offering sexual favours only to find her "husband" threatening to summon the police.

South Africa is leading the world in the murder stakes. Figures this week indicate there could be as many as 18,000 killings a year, 49 a day. England and Wales with half as many people again as South Africa suffers 700 murders in a year.

According to Major General Wouter Grové, the police general who keeps these scores, only 13 per cent of all the murders last year could be attributed to politics. Interestingly, a delegation of *amakhosi* tribal chieftains from the Msinga district of Natal is in Johannesburg this week to try to prevent a wave of murder due to clan warfare, and "gambling, drink and *izintombe* (young women)".

☐ Cape Town: The National government vowed to crack down on government corruption and maladministration estimated by an opposition MP to cost more than five billion rands (£1 billion) in 18 months (Reuter reports).

Thirty-five officials are being investigated by police on charges of corruption and 16 have been taken to court, with six convicted so far.

Nationwide's new rates for accounts no longer available to new investors.

From 1st March 1993

Former Nationwide Bond Accounts

Account Name	Balance	Gross p.a.	Net p.a.
PrestigeBond	£1,000-£4,999	5.40%	4.05%
	£5,000-£9,999	5.70%	4.28%
	£10,000-£24,999	6.00%	4.50%
	£25,000-£49,999	6.20%	4.65%
	£50,000 and over	6.40%	4.80%
PrestigeBond Plus	£1,000-£4,999	5.60%	4.20%
	£5,000-£9,999	5.90%	4.43%
	£10,000-£24,999	6.20%	4.65%
	£25,000-£49,999	6.40%	4.80%
	£50,000 and over	6.60%	4.95%
ClassicBond	£1,000-£4,999	5.60%	4.20%
	£5,000-£9,999	6.20%	4.65%
	£10,000-£24,999	6.50%	4.88%
	£25,000-£49,999	6.70%	5.03%
	£50,000 and over	6.90%	5.18%
ClassicBond Plus	£1,000-£4,999	5.80%	4.35%
	£5,000-£9,999	6.40%	4.80%
	£10,000-£24,999	6.70%	5.03%
	£25,000-£49,999	6.90%	5.18%
	£50,000 and over	7.10%	5.33%
CapitalBond '92	£1,000-£4,999	5.50%	4.13%
	£5,000-£9,999	6.50%	4.88%
	£10,000-£24,999	6.70%	5.03%
	£25,000-£49,999	6.90%	5.18%
	£50,000 and over	7.10%	5.33%

Former Nationwide Anglia Bond Accounts

Account Name	Balance	Gross p.a.	Net p.a.
CapitalBond			
1st Issue		5.80%	4.35%
2nd Issue		6.00%	4.50%
Privilege Bond			
1st Issue		6.10%	4.56%
2nd Issue		6.35%	4.76%
3rd Issue		6.35%	4.76%

Former Nationwide Anglia – Other Accounts

Account Name	Balance	Gross p.a.	Net p.a.
Deposit Account	£1 and over	1.00%*	0.75%*
Share Account	£1 and over	1.00%*	0.75%*
CashBooster	£1 and over	1.00%*	0.75%*
BonusBuilder	£1-£499	1.00%	0.75%
	£500-£4,999	1.70%	1.28%
	£5,000-£9,999	2.20%	1.65%
	£10,000-£24,999	2.70%	2.03%
	£25,000 and over	3.70%	2.78%
CapitalBonus 180	£500-£4,999	3.70%	2.78%
	£5,000-£9,999	4.20%	3.15%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.70%	3.53%
	£25,000 and over	5.20%	3.90%
CapitalBonus 90	£500-£4,999	3.20%	2.40%
	£5,000-£9,999	3.70%	2.78%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.20%	3.15%
	£25,000 and over	4.70%	3.53%
CapitalBonus 90 Monthly/Half Yearly	£500-£4,999	2.70%	2.03%
	£5,000-£9,999	3.20%	2.40%
	£10,000-£24,999	3.70%	2.78%
	£25,000 and over	4.20%	3.15%
IncomeBond Monthly	£2,000-£9,999	3.70%	2.78%
	£10,000 and over	4.50%	3.38%

Former Nationwide Anglia – Other Accounts (continued)

Account Name	Balance	Gross p.a.	Net p.a.
TaxFree Option Instant	£1-£499	1.00%	0.75%
	£500-£4,999	1.70%	1.28%
	£5,000-£9,999	2.20%	1.65%
	£10,000-£24,999	2.70%	2.03%
	£25,000 and over	3.70%	2.78%
TaxFree Option 90 Day	£500-£4,999	3.20%	2.40%
	£5,000-£9,999	3.70%	2.78%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.20%	3.15%
	£25,000 and over	4.70%	3.53%
TaxFree Option 180 Day	£500-£4,999	3.70%	2.78%
	£5,000-£9,999	4.20%	3.15%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.70%	3.53%
	£25,000 and over	5.20%	3.90%

	Tax Free Interest Annual p.a.	Monthly p.a.
TESSA Bond	7.00%	6.50%
Linked Bond** £3,000-£9,000	7.00%	

	Annual Tax Free Interest p.a.
TESSA Flexible Savings Plan	
£25-£2,999	6.60%
£3,000-£4,799	6.70%
£4,800-£6,599	6.80%
£6,600-£8,399	6.90%
£8,400-£9,000	7.00%

Account Name	Balance	Gross p.a.	Net p.a.
AssetReserve	£2,000-£4,999	4.50%	3.23%
	£5,000-£9,999	4.80%	3.60%
	£10,000-£24,999	5.10%	3.98%
	£25,000-£49,999	5.60%	4.35%
	£50,000 and over	6.30%	4.73%

If the account balance on AssetReserve falls below £2,000 interest will be paid at 1.00% gross p.a. (0.75% net p.a.) Interest is calculated daily and paid quarterly on the 1st day of March, June, September and December for AssetReserve.

Former Anglia Building Society Accounts

Account Name	Balance	Gross p.a.	Net p.a.
Capital 30	£500 and over	3.10%*	2.33%*
Capital 90	£500-£19,999	3.70%*	2.78%*
	£20,000 and over	4.70%*	3.53%*
Capital Plus	£10,000-£19,999	5.10%	3.83%
	£20,000 and over	5.30%	3.98%
Monthly Savings	£1-£300 p.m. for £600 joint	1.00%	0.75%
TopSaver	£1 and over	2.00%	1.50%
Junior Savings	£1 and over	1.00%	0.75%

Former Nationwide Building Society Accounts

Account Name	Balance	Gross p.a.	Net p.a.
Bonus 7	£100 and over	1.50%*	1.13%*
Super Bonus	£200 and over	1.75%*	1.31%*
Double Bonus	£500 and over	3.00%	2.25%
Bonus 90	£200-£9,999	3.80%*	2.85%*
	£10,000-£19,999	4.10%*	3.08%*
	£20,000 and over	4.50%*	3.38%*
FlexAccount Passbook	£1-£499	1.00%	0.75%
	£500 and over	1.10%	0.83%
FlexAccount Cashlink	£1-£499	1.00%	0.75%
	£500 and over	1.10%	0.83%
Subscription Share	£1-£200 p.m. for £400 joint	2.30%	1.73%

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Alexander Chancellor in New York



■ Behind every seemingly futile piece of medical research lurks some vested commercial interest

It makes no sense to me. Why should a man with a bald patch on the top of his head be any more likely to have a heart attack than anybody else? Nevertheless, research published this week in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* would have us believe that men under 55 suffering from "vertex baldness", which means baldness on top rather than at the front of the head (where you can be hairless with impunity), run an unusually high risk of heart disease. The balder you are, the greater the risk.

If you are only moderately bald, like the Prince of Wales, the risk is about 40 per cent greater than if you have a full head of hair. But if you are really very bald indeed, the risk can be as much as 340 per cent higher. To help you work out how much you are at risk, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* published a table showing the Hamilton Baldness Scale, a collection of 24 numbered drawings showing different kinds and degrees of hair loss.

As health scares go, this one is particularly unpleasant. Not only is it cruel to bald people, who may already be slightly depressed about their condition, particularly in the middle of a freezing winter; it also describes a risk which nobody can do anything to prevent. If you accept the studies that have linked heart disease to high blood pressure, tobacco, or cholesterol, you can at least give up drinking or eating or smoking, if you so desire. But you can't give up being bald, at least not at the drop of a hat. Baldness is a condition for which there is still no certain cure. So one is bound to wonder why anybody should want to publish such findings, and to wonder even more what could have made anybody want to embark in the first place on such a weird and apparently futile piece of research.

> This most recent health scare is especially cruel to balding people

The answer to that question is that behind almost every medical study of this nature there can be found lurking some commercial interest. The research linking baldness to heart attacks was carried out by the Boston University School of Public Health, but it was paid for by the Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan. And what does the Upjohn Company do? It manufactures a hair-growth stimulant called minoxidil, which it markets under the name of Rogaine.

According to *The New York Times*, "Upjohn was concerned about the possibility of reports of adverse effects like heart attacks among minoxidil users, and then [tried] to determine whether such cardiac problems reflected use of the medication or a general risk factor." Why the company should have been concerned about non-existent reports was not explained, but one gets the general idea. The aim of the research sponsored by Upjohn was to prove, if possible, that if minoxidil users were by any chance more likely to get heart attacks than people who didn't use it, this would not be because the medicine itself had harmful side-effects, but because the people who used it were bald. So in order to protect the reputation of minoxidil (a reputation which nobody has challenged), people with bald patches on their heads have been needlessly alarmed.

The opposite of this situation was described two weeks ago in *The Wall Street Journal* in an article about the Council for Tobacco Research, which has its headquarters in New York. This was a long investigative piece about the skill and tenacity with which, for almost 40 years, this research organisation, heavily funded by the tobacco companies, has sought to cast doubt on every bit of evidence linking smoking to ill health.

The Wall Street Journal described the work of the ostensibly independent council as "the longest-running misinformation campaign in US business history". Although staffed by reputable, even illustrious scientists, the *Journal* said, it had long been closely linked to a public relations firm called Hill and Knowlton, which had published such news items as "Lung cancers found in non-smoking nuns", and helped authors produce books with titles like *Smoke Without Fear* and *Go Ahead and Smoke*.

Despite the *Journal*'s harsh condemnation of the Council for Tobacco Research, I feel almost sorry for it. It has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in the search for good news about smoking, and yet it has completely lost the propaganda war.

Although there are still people who will tell you that the air in New York is so polluted that simply living here is equivalent to smoking three packets of cigarettes a day, it is now virtually impossible to find anybody who does not believe that smoking is very bad for you.

However questionable some of its assertions, the Council for Tobacco Research does at least offer some support and comfort to the unfortunate American smoker who is otherwise constantly harassed and abused. Anxiety, after all, is bad for you too, and the council is at least waging war against that particular ailment. Isn't that perhaps more virtuous than terrorising the bald?

Howard Davies, with the prime minister in Washington, reports that free trade is alive and kicking

Trade is America's business as usual

From outside the US, a new administration can always be made to look threatening. This one has been no exception: portrayed as a rough beast slouching towards Washington to be born, breathing protectionist fire from every nostril, barking dark threats about the evil practices of foreign multinationals.

From close up, it looks rather different. Laura Tyson, the new chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, identified by the thought-police of the *Financial Times* as a not-so-closet protectionist — based on a misreading of her most recent book, *Who's Bashing Whom* — is thoughtfully pragmatic on the Airbus subsidy dispute. She notes that Boeing also made a loss on its first 20 years of civil aircraft production, and that the existence of Airbus Industrie has prevented a producer monopoly.

The new Treasury team of Lloyd Bentsen and Robert Altman has quietly buried the campaign commitment to raise an additional $45 billion over four years in new taxes on foreign multinationals operating in the US. It aims, instead, to raise another $3.8 billion over five years from tougher enforcement measures to curb transfer pricing abuses, which in itself ought not to affect British companies significantly.

Micky Kantor, the new US Trade Representative — recently caricatured in *The Economist* as a man with "no very coherent body of ideas" — turns out to be a courteous and attentive listener, committed to achieving a successful conclusion to the Uruguay Round of the Gatt talks.

But while some scare stories may be laid to rest, it will not be business as usual. The state of the Union message, and the deficit reduction package at its core, has set in motion a process of which the consequences are not entirely predictable.

Clinton does appear to have achieved one important victory: almost everyone seems to share the view that this time something must be done. But there is much less consensus that that "something" should be the package proposed by the Administration. Already lobbies are massing to oppose the energy tax, the increase in corporation tax, and of course the income tax rises on higher earners. Counter-proposals will emerge in Congress, suggesting superficially more attractive imposts on foreign companies' earnings.

A strong protectionist lobby lurks not far below the surface. Its real targets are across the Pacific, not the Atlantic (although the French appear close to achieving "honorary Japanese" status). The US ran a manufactured trade surplus of $10 billion with the EC in 1991, and a deficit of $60 billion with Japan. But the protectionist armoury cannot be pointed in one direction only; the threatened duty on Mitsubishi Shoguns and Toyota Land Cruisers would also damage the Range Rover.

So a battle for the soul of the new Administration will now be waged, centering first on the budget and thereafter on Gatt. The prime minister's visit should be seen in that context. It is vital that the broader implications of US policy are understood in Washington.

I have never subscribed to the saloon-bar rhetoric about American isolationism. And the increasing significance of trade in the US economy is breaking down the old autarchic arguments where they still subsist. But Washington politics is so engrossing that even after a couple of days it is easy to believe that all wisdom lies in the two square miles between the White House and Capitol Hill. Any hint that the US is no longer committed to multilateral trade would set off countervailing action, and depress trading prospects for years. I am sure that part of John Major's message got through.

The US/EC relationship will certainly come under strain in the next few months as another attempt is made to conclude the Uruguay Round. On some points the Americans will be difficult. It is just possible that the French will be too. But painting the Clinton Administration into a protectionist corner in which it does not wish to sit will not help. Far better to engage with them early on, as the British, at both political and business level, did this week.

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Mary's field of dreams

The Duke of Westminster's estate could soon be lost as cynically as it was won

MANSELL COLLECTION



Mary daughter of Alexander Davies and wife of Sir Thomas Grosvenor Baronet

Auctioned orphan: this ill-fated 17th-century heiress was married off by her mother to the highest bidder

Some years ago a fierce Scots undergraduate at Oxford found that the rooms next to his had been allotted to a young peer. The peer's father, he realised, owned the land on which his own parents' small cottage stood. "What right have you to own that land?" he shouted one night in the college bar.

"We inherited it," said the nervous peer.

"Who from?" said the radical.

"From our ancestors long ago."

"And how did they get it?"

"I believe they won it in battle."

"Aha," cried the young Scot looking even fiercer. "Then I'll fight you for it!"

Heredity is a chapter of such accidents. On Tuesday afternoon, the Duke of Westminster stood disconsolate on the steps of the throne as his so-called peers joined with the Commons to strip him of his patrimony. John Wilkes himself had tried nothing so monstrous. Michael Howard's housing and urban development bill (a truly Stalinist euphemism for enforced purchase) seeks the breakup of London's great estates. And what can his grace, the richest man in England, do about it? Nothing. He can huff, he can puff and he can... resign from the Conservative party. Which on Wednesday he did.

In matters of such high drama, personal interest must be kept separate from public. I sympathise with his grace, but he would surely accept that heredity has always "won some and lost some". The Grosvenors have won more than most. Their London property may now be taken from them as by-product of a crude Tory election bribe, but they came by it pretty crudely too.

The old Manor of Ebury ran from Oxford Street down to the Thames at Millbank. It belonged to a City lawyer named Hugh Audley, who bequeathed it to his niece and her husband, a humble clerk named Alexander Davies. Davies died intestate in the great plague of 1665, the manor passing mostly to his seven-month-old daughter, Mary. Davies's young wife remarried a Mr Tregonwell, but was well aware that booming development round Westminster gave the Ebury manor and thus her baby daughter great potential value. The girl was guarded and cossetted and eventually put by her mother on the open market.

By the time she was six, Mary was being paraded up and down Rotten Row in a carriage with a governess, servants and six horses. Mrs Tregonwell waited for offers to pour in. They soon did. The first was from Lord Berkeley of Stratton for marriage to his 10-year-old son Charles. Berkeley was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and owner of a palace in Piccadilly and Hay Hill farm behind it. The farm fitted neatly into the Davies's Mayfair holdings.

Mrs Tregonwell demanded of Berkeley £5,000 for herself in cash plus £3,000 in land settled on the infant couple. Berkeley paid the £5,000 but failed to raise the land. Mrs Tregonwell snubbed him and broke off the sale. The Berkeleys had to be content with developing Stratton Street, Berkeley Square and Hay Hill. For want of £3,000 they lost a fortune.

Next on the scene was a 21-year-old Cheshire baronet, Sir Thomas Grosvenor. He was less of a catch but had parliamentary ambitions which Mary's London estate ideally suited.

Simon Jenkins

He also had the cash. Mrs Tregonwell told Grosvenor he must marry the 12-year-old Mary then and there, but could not take delivery until her 15th birthday. The bargain was struck and Mary's manorial titles moved north to Eaton Hall.

Mary's later life, as told by her biographer Charles Gatty, was a tragedy. Her husband grew to love his child bride. He indeed became an MP but died young. Mary went progressively mad and the estate was put in the hands of trustees out of her control. Her chaplain tried to marry her fraudulently to his brother one night in Paris. The brother sued the Grosvenor estate for the Ebury rents as a result. Mary's mother lost interest in her. The Grosvenors went on to develop Mayfair and ensure that it was their Cheshire properties — houses at Eaton and Halkin, villages at Belgrave, Eccleston, Kinnerton, Churton — that became synonymous with urban opulence. Davies, Audley and Ebury streets alone remind us of Mary's legacy, now worth over £3 billion.

What Mary gained by good fortune, her descendants are to lose by bad luck. The lever that will prise all this from the Duke's grasp is a bill so complex that I will tax readers with no more than two paragraphs on it. It permits tenants in houses and flats that were too valuable to fall within Labour's 1967 "enfranchisement" act to buy their freeholds even if landlords do not want to sell, and even in breach of contracts.

It is a minor, tawdry piece of legislation, a stew whose ingredients include archaic hostility to landlordism, a Tory belief that decent people should not have to rent their homes, a manifesto pledge aimed at a few marginal seats, a bureaucratic longing to make markets neat and tidy, and an attempt to meet reasoned objection with impenetrable subclauses that will vastly enrich our learned friends.

The bill is so dense that few tenants are likely to take it up — although there will probably be enough to break up the big estates and discourage long-term investment in rented property. Students of Mr Howard's rampant statism will notice that one set of tenants who are given no "right to buy" in his bill are those on estates financed by Mr Howard's own Housing Corporation. Local councils, charitable estates and private landlords are feudal, archaic, grasping and irresponsible, but on estates blessed by Mr Howard's largess, the pure milk of human kindness flows untroubled. Within his domain, happy children skip and play, tenants wave flags and blow kisses at passing ministers. Central government's empire must not be eroded by home ownership. Was political cynicism ever so blatant?

A test of any law that offends a principle such as the sanctity of private property is that some overwhelming public benefit should be derived. I believe there should be legal control on the behaviour of private landlords (public and private). Such laws should, in effect, tax property profits to ensure sound maintenance and fair treatment of tenants. Confiscation does not do this. It signals a distrust of landlords, however responsible. Like most intrusive laws, including compulsory purchase, the outcome is usually worse than if the market had been left well alone. Such laws are a gift to the unscrupulous. They pretend to be helping one group of oppressed tenants yet end by oppressing a far larger group, the as yet unhoused and unprotected.

I am against anything that makes it less attractive for private money to own, maintain and develop houses in cities. Few beneficiaries of this bill are among the poorest in the land. Many flat-dwellers who dislike their landlords will doubtless feel the same when at the mercy of management companies. Nor is the cabinet's hostility to local government a good omen for the hope that local planners will see about preserving the appearance of London's historic estates.

The estates were in effect sold to a handful of marginal voters at the last election to promote John Major's ambitions. Three centuries ago, Mary Davies was sold to advance the like ambitions of Sir Thomas Grosvenor. Money and ambition ruled on both occasions. I fear the public interest is no more present in the bargain in 1993 than it was in 1677.

Major gets set

THE WORLD chess championship may be slipping from its grasp, but John Major and the rest of the government have gone into overdrive to ensure Manchester lands sport's biggest prize, the Olympic Games in 2000.

Major is determined to use every bit of influence at the government's disposal to bring the Games to Manchester. Having already agreed to underwrite the costs to a tune of £2.5 billion, the prime minister has set a crack squad of nine civil servants, plucked from the environment and national heritage departments, to work full-time on the project.

The foreign office is also involved, having established a small group of diplomats to drum up international support for a Mancunian Olympiad.

On ministerial instructions, the Central Office of Information has opened its overseas press service to the Manchester 2000 organisation. A spokesman for the group, says: "It has enabled us to use their facilities to place Manchester stories all around the world. It has put us on the international map." The claim is given some plausibility by news that Manchester will host the Global Forum — the international sequel to the Rio summit — in June 1994. Major underlined his own commitment yesterday when he met Jaoa Havelange, the President of FIFA, and a member of the International Olympic Committee. In April, Major is off to Switzerland to meet Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC.

But there has been a still more significant sign of Major's determination to succeed: Alex Allan, his principal private secretary, was spotted proudly sporting a Manchester 2000 tie in Washington.

● *Meanwhile the approach road to Old Trafford, which will be home to the football finals if Manchester's bid is successful, has been named after Sir Matt Busby, one of the city's most famous sons. For years fans of Manchester United have loyally trooped up Warwick North Road to see the Reds in action. Now they will make the same pilgrimage up Sir Matt Busby Way. If Manchester secures the Olympics, what will they name after John Major?*

DIARY

Whee..!

THE problem with Glasgow, sang Will Fife, is that "its going roond and roond". Yesterday it was more a case of "up and doon", especially down for the Reverend Bob Shepton, who yesterday abseiled down the front of the city's Kelvin Hall in full clerical kit.



A retired Anglican minister he may be, but at 58, Shepton is a man of action who climbs mountains, parachutes from planes and has sailed the Atlantic four times. So by his standards surely the descent, to mark a "Fab 50s" open day at the centre tomorrow, was a little modest?

"On a mountain, abseiling is much more difficult and dangerous. But we were restrained today by the fact that Kelvin Hall is only 30 ft high," admits Shepton. Honours done, the tireless Shepton is giving the actual open day a miss. "I also manage the Glencoe Ski School and I will be there."

Paper man

NORMAN STONE, professor of modern history at Oxford, is a happy man. He has just returned to England from Moscow where he spent a month in the Russian state archive. The archive, which last year unveiled Goebbels' diaries, also, says Stone, contains everything the Russians took from the Germans after the second world war.

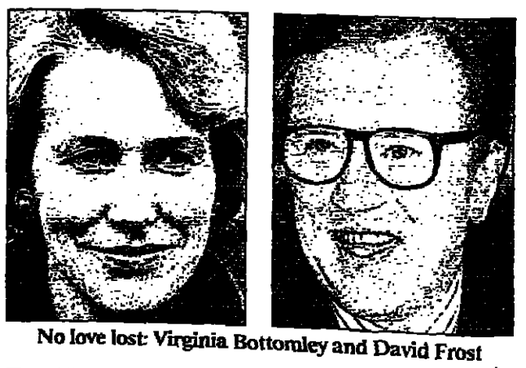
Stone, who has been exploring the archive at the invitation of the Russian authorities, is discussing publication with HarperCollins.

He is coy about discussing his findings. "The Russians are very nervous after the David Irving affair, and I want to avoid any impression of cashing in on it. But this is the big one." He is to return to Moscow shortly to continue his research.

Stone's reticence is not shared by Robert Service, professor of Russian history and politics at the University of London. Service, who was one of the first to be made aware of the existence of the so-called "trophy archive", says: "It is a very important archive and it is good someone is finally working on it. If I were given two months in the archive I would go in a flash."

Service believes the archive will reveal the "remaining enigmas in Soviet history. It might tell us, for example, about Stalin's peace overtures to Hitler in 1941 and what happened outside Warsaw in July 1944. This archive was unknown to Western historians before the August 1991 coup. It is very exciting."

● *A frustrated* Radio Times *reader has written to the magazine complaining about the inconvenience of the BBC's last-minute changes to printed programme schedules. The magazine has responded by awarding the writer with the prize for the week's best letter. The prize is a VideoPlus+TM handset, which is designed to make taping TV programmes easy — but, as* Radio Times *editor Nick Brett observes, completely useless if programmes are not broadcast as scheduled.*



No love lost: Virginia Bottomley and David Frost

Darling, you were disgraceful

Social kissing has always been fraught with difficulties — which cheek, and how many times? But what about ministerial kissing? If Sir David Frost's recent experience is anything to go by, it is less a case of which cheek, than no cheek at all — especially in the presence of TV cameras. Frost's rebuff came on Thursday night when Virginia Bottomley was a guest on a pilot show he was preparing for the BBC. As Bottomley walked on to the set, Frost grasped her warmly by the hand and planted a firm peck on her cheek.

Bottomley did nothing to hide her displeasure, so to the audience's delight, Frost asked: "Don't you want to do that?" She made it clear she did not, and made a second, kiss-free entrance.

Frost explained his *faux pas* to the audience: "We kissed when we met before the show. But she obviously does not want to do it now." Frost describes Bottomley as "a very warm acquaintance" — but not on camera one.

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MORE THAN A GESTURE

Clinton is determined to set a new pace in Bosnia

The American airlift to besieged Bosnian communities, due to begin this weekend, may be largely symbolic in its impact. But the symbolism is carefully calculated. The immediate aim is to save some lives now, and to convince the gunmen manning barricades that their obstruction of aid convoys is pointless as well as barbaric. Ethnic cleansing through starvation is the aim of these sieges: the airlift may not prevent this directly, particularly if the relief planes stay at high altitudes. But it will serve as a pointed reminder to the Serbs to abandon any ambition of starving out these communities while talking peace.

The decision has a broader significance too. It confirms American readiness to make a military as well as a diplomatic contribution to Balkan peace. The airlift should therefore be seen in terms of President Clinton's determination, evident since he announced America's new strategy a fortnight ago, to step up the pace of intervention on all fronts: diplomatic, humanitarian and military. In this, he has to contend not only with the excessively cautious stance of the European Community which has so exasperated the White House, but with popular and official reservations about Balkan entanglements at home.

The Clinton strategy has three elements which he is pursuing simultaneously. The first strand is to put America's stamp on the Vance-Owen plan — notably by improving the deal accorded the Bosnian government side. The second is to involve Russia in diplomacy and ultimately in a collective security operation. Mr Clinton has understood, as the European Community failed to do, that this is the only way to convince the Serbs that intervention will be even-handed — and that they have no choice but to co-operate. Mishandled, the Balkan conflicts could pitch Russia against the West and revive the mentality of the Cold War. Mr Clinton is wisely intent on making Russia a partner in containing European disorder.

The third is to persuade his fellow citizens, and particularly the military establishment, that America has a continuing national interest in containing European conflict and promoting the rule of law. Here Mr Clinton has to tread carefully. The airdrop, which has strong bipartisan support in Congress, may have no combat implications in itself. But it is a first step in re-educating military commanders who have become addicted to an all-or-nothing strategy of staying clear of all engagements short of massive intervention. The doctrine of graduated response and calculated risk needs to be relearnt.

This task is urgent because the Pentagon will inevitably play a central role in planning a Nato-led policing mission. This will almost certainly have to precede a comprehensive political settlement. Negotiations on Bosnia's future, stalled since February 11, seem likely to resume in New York this weekend, mainly because none of the combatants dares risk American displeasure by continuing to boycott them. Conditions on the ground, however, continue to deteriorate and each day creates fresh anguish, and fresh grudges. In order to rebuild the minimum of confidence between Bosnia's warring factions, it may be necessary to silence the guns and begin to restore civil order before finalising a settlement.

The Bosnian government and Bosnia's Serbs have now both said they are prepared to cease fire unilaterally, but a disengagement would have to be umpired. There is evidence that all sides would comply with an adequately backed ultimatum to silence their guns and disengage without preconditions. Bosnia has become the testing ground for the reshaping of the Clinton administration's relations with the Pentagon, with the United Nations and with Nato, where American appeals for participation in the airlift yesterday fell on unreceptive ears.

Mr Clinton has heard too much already about why nothing more can be done in the Balkans. The airlift is symptomatic of his impatience for results. Mr Major was wise to endorse it. More will soon be required of European governments. They should reflect that American attitudes to collective security for their unstable continent will be influenced by their readiness to respond imaginatively to America's efforts to break out of the immobilism of the past two years.

NEWBURY PIE

The Tories' only hope of winning the by-election is a maverick

For all the humiliations that John Major has suffered since the last general election, from one embarrassment he has been serendipitously free. Not since November 1991 have the Conservatives been forced to fight a by-election. Next week, however, they must begin the search for a candidate at Newbury to replace the late Judith Chaplin. The task is an unusually awkward one.

Although it would not be remarkable in itself if such a seat were lost to the government between parliaments (people do not vote at general elections the way they vote at by-elections and all the Conservative losses during the last Parliament were reversed last April) a by-election defeat is still demoralising. Party managers normally try as hard as they can to avoid them. Since Newbury is not by normal standards a marginal seat (Mrs Chaplin had a majority of 12,357 at the last election, despite suffering a 5 per cent swing from her to the Liberal Democrat candidate) its loss would be badly felt.

It is a constituency on which the Liberal Democrats have had their eye for some years. They control the local council and their probable candidate, David Rendel, is perfect Newbury material: Eton and Oxford, and a local councillor himself. There is virtually no room for a tactical squeeze on Labour, whose candidate won just 6 per cent of the vote in April. Newbury voters are sophisticated enough to have made the most of that possibility already. Any extra support that the Liberal Democrats win will have to come straight from disaffected Tories.

Given the state of the economy and the general incompetence of the government, there may well be 6,179 normally loyal Tories in the constituency ready to lodge a protest vote with the centre party. Could the local Conservative Association find a candidate capable of staunching this flow?

The standard modern Tory by-election candidate — a smoothly spoken, clean-shaven lawyer or merchant banker in his 40s protesting firm loyalty to the government — would be almost bound to lose. So would a conventional former minister who lost his seat at the last election and wanted a way back into the Commons. Both would lose all the more heavily if the government were unwise enough to hold the vote before the referendum amendment is taken on the Maastricht Bill.

What voters yearn for in their current malaise is an anti-politician politician. That means either an iconoclast (one man mentioned is the Tory maverick, Alan Clark, who would feel free to criticise government policy because he has nothing to lose) or somebody famous for achievements outside politics (Newbury's answer to Ross Perot).

Governing parties generally do better than expected at by-elections when they field a familiar face from outside politics. For instance, Austin Mitchell held the marginal seat of Grimsby for Labour in 1977 on the same day that Ashfield, a solid Labour mining seat, was lost to the Tories. Voters knew Mr Mitchell as a Yorkshire TV presenter rather than as a representative of an unpopular government.

If the Conservatives can persuade a famous actor or athlete or entrepreneur to stand for them in Newbury, they might just have a chance. So too might they prosper with Mr Clark. The prime minister, however, might prefer a Liberal Democrat who is prepared to vote for the Maastricht Bill than a Tory who is not.

MASTERS OF THEIR FATE

Short and Kasparov have done chess a service — and more

The world chess champion, Gary Kasparov, and his British challenger, Nigel Short, have declared an overdue war against the self-serving bureaucracy of the World Chess Federation (Fide). The announcement that they will play their title match on their own terms is a milestone for the game. Fide, by working closely with the governments of the Soviet Union and its client states, controlled international chess from the beginning of the Cold War to just beyond its end. If the majority of professional players follow Kasparov and Short, this long bleak period could now be over.

Chess, like other competitive activities, thrives on the ebullience of genius. Kasparov has pursued the popularisation of chess with great energy: this was good for the game's commercial potential, but set him at odds with Fide. If Kasparov had been alone in refusing to accept last Tuesday's precipitate decision to award the match to Manchester by the Fide president, Florencio Campomanes, he might well have suffered Bobby Fischer's fate: his title would have been awarded to the challenger by default. Nigel Short showed courage by supporting his rival Kasparov; the match will still take place, but at a venue and under conditions determined by the players. Mr Campomanes will deserve little sympathy if his empire crumbles.

Manchester will, however, claim that it has been unfairly done down. If the match were now to be awarded to a higher bid from London or elsewhere, Mancunians should not blame the two players. Instead, they should ask those who organised their city's bid why Kasparov and Short were not consulted about the purse and conditions before the city accepted Fide's nomination.

Chess is a game grown used to political exploitation. Today Short and Kasparov present a political message. Representing Britain and Russia, great powers which have been antagonists for generations, they have made common cause in the name of free enterprise, meritocracy and democracy. While in London last week, Kasparov lamented the fact that chess was not more popular in Russia, and Short has similar concerns about Britain. Here again the game is a potent metaphor: both nations are depressed, both rich in human talent. Hither and thither, the cry goes up for leadership. Boris Yeltsin and John Major might both do worse than to emulate the spirit of yesterday's bold gambit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Christian soldiers split on roads that lead to Rome

From the Reverend John Broadhurst

Sir, Your leader of February 19, "Onward Christian soldiers", was both intemperate and inaccurate. As chairman of Forward in Faith, the umbrella group for those opposed to the ordination of women, I have always had personal courtesy and consideration from both the archbishops. I hope that I have extended the same to them.

Last week in the General Synod there was a pensive mood as all the members grappled with what is a difficult time for everyone. The approach you suggest would tear the Church apart.

The synodical briefing was an event of great significance as 20 per cent of the members of synod met to say that although we *do* recognise that concessions have been made they do not yet meet our needs, or our theological difficulties. The proposed doctrinal change threatens to drive us out.

It is untrue to suggest that we intend to scupper the legislation in Parliament. I was the key-note speaker at the "alternative synod" which you reported on February 18 and expressly said that this was not our policy. However, we do believe the rights of the laity, the unity of the Church and the protection of the clergy are properly the concern of Parliament.

The "third province" is not on our agenda and was not launched at our meeting. One member of synod spoke from the floor in favour of it. We are seeking to expand the bishops' Manchester statement and I believe the third province could confuse that debate.

Christians do not seek conflict. When I left the synod I was pursued by a horde of photographers who wanted to film the "walk-out" to which your report of February 18 refers. A much more poignant, though less interesting, photograph could have been taken two minutes before, as I chatted with the Archbishop of Canterbury as he had a cup of coffee.

Finally, your leader was confused in suggesting that our consciences threaten to subvert the faith. The faith is Christianity and not the Church of England. We would be subverting both the faith and the Church if we denied our consciences and the truth as we see it.

All our loyalty ultimately must be to Jesus Christ.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BROADHURST
(Member, standing committee of the General Synod),
Faith House, 7 Tufton Street, SW1.
February 25.

From the Reverend Catherine Milford

Sir, It must by now be plain that Geoffrey Kirk and his colleagues ("Smoothing the roads that lead to Rome", Credo, February 20) live in a fantasy world of their own making.

The first fantasy is that Rome will recognise the validity of the orders of all those Anglican clergy who wish to move to Rome.

The second fantasy is that Anglican clergymen, long used to plain speaking in chapter and synod, will submit to the authority of the Holy Father. The evidence is that such clergymen are unable to submit either to the authority of the House of Bishops or to the authority of synod.

The third fantasy is that the particular needs of the dissentients will be met on terms which they dictate.

Geoffrey Kirk is demeaning the public face of the Church and shaking the faith of many private individuals, not those who have come to a decision as to the will of God for his Church at this time. The process of discernment has been long and prayerful, so let us now take the risk of going forward in faith, not backward in doubt as he would have us do.

Yours,
CATHERINE MILFORD
(Moderator, Movement for the Ordination of Women),
Napier Hall, Hide Place,
Vincent Street, SW1.
February 22.

From the Reverend R. P. Stone

Sir, Your leader says: "Yet the traditionalists, confident that they have exclusive knowledge of God's will, refuse every olive branch." This is precisely the opposite of the truth. Traditionalists in the Church of England are confident that they share knowledge of God's will with the vast majority of Catholic Christendom both East and West. Such blatant misrepresentation calls for retraction and an apology.

Yours faithfully,
PETER STONE,
3 Trescobeas Road,
Falmouth, Cornwall.

From the Reverend Glyn Austen

Sir, You speak of the Church tearing itself apart "like a couple embroiled in an angry divorce", yet then assert that all should have been tidied up after the November vote in the General Synod. Your simile is apposite: this *is* a kind of divorce, and divorces are painful and protracted.

Is it not self-evident, therefore, that there will now be lots of tears and anger from those who feel aggrieved at the infidelity of our erstwhile partner?

The traditionalists are not, as you insultingly label them, "rebels", but the victims of a church in the grip of secular relativism, run by revisionists greedy for change. The "rebels" simply question the right of a provincial synod of the Catholic Church (which is what the General Synod truly is) to arrogate to itself power to make substantive changes in the nature of holy orders.

The true rebels are the ones who have left us to forge ahead into a brave new world of their own conceiving.

Those of us opposed to the ordination of women are merely asserting the necessary truth that the Church of England has always seen itself as a part of the Catholic and Apostolic Church and not the whole. The issue is not about women priests but about authority, and traditionalists believe the General Synod view is that the Church of England is just another protestant sect that can please itself.

Yours faithfully,
GLYN AUSTEN,
The Rectory, Barnack,
Stamford, Lincolnshire.
February 19.

From Mr David C. C. Watson

Sir, So "the Church of England leadership must now fight the wreckers". Down the corridors of church history, it is amusing to speculate what other portraits you would hang in your rogues' gallery of "wreckers": Charles Spurgeon (1834-92), for sheep stealing from the Church of England? Charles Simeon (1759-1836), for sending missionaries to India? John Wesley (1703-91), for daring to preach in unconsecrated buildings? The Reformers, including our (now-much-praised) William Tyndale (c1494-1536), for smuggling bibles in defiance of the bishops?

All these in their day were reviled because they preached and practised Bible-Christianity as distinct from the Establishment superstition-cum-speculation.

The crowning anomaly is in your leader's title, "Onward Christian soldiers". Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924) would turn in his grave to see a responsible newspaper thus pervert his splendid hymn into a crusade for female ordination.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WATSON,
31 Harold Heading Close,
Chatteris,
Cambridgeshire.
February 19.

From Miss Marion Loring

Sir, I heartily agree with your article, "Onward Christian soldiers". It seems ironic that the *traditionalists* should be denying the ancient *tradition* of the authority of bishops. "Flee from schism as the source of mischief", wrote St Ignatius. "You should all follow the bishop as Jesus Christ did the Father."

Our bishops, at their last meeting, came to a unanimous decision on a further olive branch to extend, but the intransigent minority, as you say, reject that also and appeal to the laity to back them. How absurd it would be if Parliament, which passed a law against sex discrimination, were to insist on it in the Church!

Yours sincerely,
MARION LORING,
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Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Why British lose out in Brussels

From Sir Roy Denman

Sir, Your leader of February 16, "More British for Brussels", urged Britain to do more "to place its best and brightest people in key Brussels posts". It set out the right destination but used an over-simplified map.

In staffing the Commission the British have over the last 20 years lost out decisively. Future historians will wonder why a country which once ran an empire across the world has been unable to come to terms with a growing centre of power only 200 miles away.

The reasons are two. The first is that a permanent secretary or senior ambassador would disdain going to the Commission as a director general (the equivalent of a permanent secretary in Whitehall).

The second reason is that, when promotion comes up, British commissioners, used to the apolitical tradition of Whitehall, leave it to the machine. But commissioners from other countries move in happily to share out the spoils to their compatriots who flourish their party cards. So the British lose out. As things are, any young Britisher with an ounce of ambition would be wrong in the head to join the staff of the Commission.

Can this situation be changed? It could be, slowly, but only by radical measures, and the deep-rooted aversion of the British Establishment to Community institutions rules this out.

Yours faithfully,
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Dangerous species?

From Mrs J. Steward

Sir, John Julius Norwich (letter, February 22) should be assured that, as a broadcaster, he is keeping good company with others victimised by the way in which insurance companies interpret proposal forms.

Describe yourself as a "consultant" — for example, computer systems consultant — and you will be cordially invited to pay at least another 25 per cent on the normal premium, as my husband and I have found. Consultants, it would seem, like broadcasters, whizz around the country with reckless abandon, presumably earning enough to be stung by additional premiums.

Yours faithfully,
J. STEWARD,
23 Orchard Drive,
Watford, Hertfordshire.
February 22.

From Mr Martin Best

Sir, What is Viscount Norwich worrying about? As a broadcaster, he can claim against tax the cost of those items of clothing he wears in the pursuit of that noble profession, the cost of having them cleaned, the cost of his hairdressing (prior to appearing), and even the cost of his make-up — all assuming, of course, that he is on telly. It could all save him more than £303. It is time for him to telephone his accountant.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BEST (Musician),
The Dairy House, Encombe,
Wareham, Dorset.

From Mr Michael Bell

Sir, Viscount Norwich should think himself lucky he does not work in advertising or television, as I have. Say these little words to insurance brokers and you won't see them for dust. Fifty per cent excess would have been a bargain!

Fortunately I now work in marketing (funnily enough involving advertising for TV companies — the worst of both worlds?), which sounds much less interesting and undynamic than "adverts" or TV, so the premium has been reduced.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BELL,
Ashley House, Oatlands Drive,
Weybridge, Surrey.

From Mr Piers H. Ricketts

Sir, A few years ago I entered "music teacher" on the proposal form as my main occupation: I was then asked if I ever gave any concerts, to which I would drive in my car. This was, in fact, the case, though only on a few occasions each year.

I was told that this would necessitate a hefty additional premium, as musicians were classed as "unreliable". It made no difference when I pointed out that my concerts were classical piano recitals, not rock gigs in pubs. Perhaps music is simply the food of higher premiums?

Yours faithfully,
PIERS RICKETTS,
3 St Cross Road, Oxford.

From Mr S. R. M. Wilson

Sir, As a 19-year-old student, over 30 years ago, I tried to arrange insurance for a Lambretta scooter. I was mildly surprised when asked whether I was studying medicine or theology.

What was it, I asked, about those two disciplines that provoked such enquiry? The relief on the face of the broker when I told him that I was studying law explained it all.

Yours faithfully,
SAM WILSON,
College Farm, Forward Green,
Stowmarket, Suffolk.

Thieving magpies

From Dr Mike Swan

Sir, Derwent May (Weekend, February 13) rightly asserts that there is no scientific evidence that our burgeoning magpie population affects songbird numbers. His assertion, however, that "there is no reasonable case for shooting them" ignores the work of the Game Conservancy Trust.

This has shown that predation by magpies and crows does have a serious effect on wild gamebirds, such as our declining population of native grey partridges.

Thus, while the trust does not support a campaign of magpie eradication, we feel it is essential to maintain the present legal *status quo*, where those who have problems with magpies are allowed to trap or shoot them.

Yours faithfully,
MIKE SWAN
(Adviser for South-East England),
The Game Conservancy Trust,
Fordingbridge, Hampshire.
February 16.

From Mr R. E. H. Edmonds

Sir, Mr Derwent May's assertion that there is no correlation between the escalating magpie population and the diminishing number of song birds could be misleading.

In an effort to stem the decline of blackbirds and thrushes from my garden, I trap and despatch over 20 magpies each year in April and May, thus affording small birds a respite from their predators during that vulnerable laying and hatching period.

The result has been a noticeable increase in numbers of most song birds, but without any apparent long-term effects on the local magpie count since, by the autumn, more magpies have invariably arrived to repopulate the vacant territory.

Yours faithfully,
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February 16.

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'Scallywag' distribution

From Sir Malcolm Field, Group Managing Director, W. H. Smith Ltd.

Sir, Simon Regan's letter (February 25) accuses W. H. Smith of having "behaved appallingly" by refusing to distribute issue no 13 of *Scallywag*.

W. H. Smith News agreed, before the current legal proceedings started, that they would distribute 20,000 copies of the issue, not the 50,000 copies claimed by Mr Regan. We also said at that time, as is normal with certain publications, that we required each edition to be read for libel by *Scallywag*'s lawyers.

We received a copy of issue no 13, accompanied by a letter from their lawyers saying that, in their opinion, "there is no significant risk of an indefensible libel". In the normal course of events, this might have been sufficient for us to distribute the particular edition.

Before we received this copy, however, legal proceedings over issue no 12 had been started by the prime minister and Clare Latimer. As a result, we were on notice that *Scallywag* was a publication of a type that might contain defamatory material.

In these circumstances, the defence of innocent dissemination would almost certainly not be available to us for issue no 13 and future issues.

As the current legal proceedings show, litigants do not baulk at suing distributors, however responsibly they have behaved and, without a defence of innocent dissemination, the distributor is very exposed. This is compounded when publishers (here, in the case of *Scallywag*, by their own admission) are impecunious. We therefore had issue no 13 read for libel by our lawyers. Their view was that it contained potentially defamatory material.

As a consequence, we decided that distribution was likely to involve substantial legal risks. *Scallywag* did offer to remove two pages. If the remainder of the magazine had been free from potential libel, this might have been sufficient. In the event, we decided it was not.

Mr Regan claims that *Scallywag* "must produce" an indemnity of £100,000. W. H. Smith have never asked for an indemnity.

While fully supporting the production of "daring and adventurous" publications, we cannot reasonably be expected to distribute them if they contain libellous material.

Yours faithfully,
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Competitive tendering

From Mr Roger M. Poole

Sir, Contractors for health service and local authority services should not be indignant about the effects of the transfer of undertakings (protection of employment) regulations on compulsory competitive tendering ("Whitehall to examine the tendering trap", February 17).

When the government proposed competitive tendering, we were told that competition between rival suppliers would lead to better managed, more innovative and more responsive service. In turn, these changes would result in efficiency gains and cost savings.

However, the savings have not been brought about in the manner suggested. They have been made by substantial job losses and reductions in the pay and conditions of the lowest-paid, mainly women part-time workers.

Of course, Mr Oakley Smith, the Cleaning and Support Services Association (CSSA) chairman, is right to complain that, if the regulations apply, the process of competition would be "virtually meaningless".

By this he means no more job cuts and reductions in pay and conditions. In future, consumers can expect competition to be about the quality and reliability of service.

Like Pulse (public and local service efficiency campaign) and CSSA, the government persists in the belief that contracts are not normally covered by the regulations.

Yet the European Court of Justice has unambiguously stated in two leading cases — Bartol and Watson Rask — that the EC's acquired rights directive and the regulations do apply to compulsory competitive tendering.

Yours faithfully,
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February 18.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 26: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Newbury and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this morning visited Donnington Hospital to mark its Six Hundredth Anniversary and were received by the Chairman of Newbury District Council (Mr Doug Lawrence).

The Queen planted an oak tree in the garden and visited one of the almshouses, escorted by Mr Willie Hartley Russell (Patron, Donnington Hospital Trust), and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Reception for almsmen and women from the hospital.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards visited Quantel Limited, Turnpike Road, and were received by the Chairman, Carlton Communications (Mr Michael Green) and by the Executive Chairman, Quantel Limited (Mr Richard Taylor) and Mr Jeff Meadows (Managing Director, Quantel Limited) who escorted Her Majesty and His Royal Highness round the building.

In the afternoon The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited St Bartholomew's School, Andover Road, and were received by the Chairman of the Governors (Mr Ian Campbell).

Having unveiled a commemorative plaque, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the school, escorted by the Headmaster (Mr Robert Mermagen) and Mr Stephen Briggs (Senior Deputy Head).

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robert Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr Anthony Figgis (Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) at the Memorial Service for Sir Alexander Lees Mayall (formerly Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) which was held in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Savoy Hill, London WC2, today.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were represented by the Viscount Falmouth (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall) at the Memorial Service for Colonel Sir John Carew Pole, Bt, (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall) which was held in Truro Cathedral this afternoon.

February 26: The Princess Royal, President, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, this evening attended the Sixtieth Anniversary Dinner of Calne Young Farmers' Club, Assembly Rooms, Melksham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs). Mrs Timothy Holderness Roddam was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness was represented by Mr Christopher Petherick at the Memorial Service for Colonel Sir John Carew Pole, Bt, (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall) which was held in Truro Cathedral this afternoon.

February 26: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by the Lord St Levan at the Memorial Service for Colonel Sir John Carew Pole, Bt, which was held in Truro Cathedral this afternoon.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 26: The Prince of Wales today visited Bristol and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Exhibition "An English Arcadia", Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, Queen's Road.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Macmillan Nurse Appeal, subsequently visited Cossham Memorial Hospital, Lodge Road.

Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Mr Michael Galsworthy at the Memorial Service for Colonel Sir John Carew Pole, Bt, (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall) which was held in Truro Cathedral this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 26: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke of Gloucester were represented by Vice-Admiral Sir James Jungius at the Memorial Service for Colonel Sir John Carew Pole, Bt, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall from 1974-7, which was held in Truro Cathedral, Cornwall, this afternoon.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 26: The Duke of Kent, President, this evening attended a Discourse by Professor Michael O'Shea at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Colonel Walter Luttrell at a Memorial Service for the life of Colonel Sir John Carew Pole, Bt, which was held at Truro Cathedral, Truro, today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 26: Princess Alexandra was represented by Lieutenant Colonel the Earl of Morley at the Memorial Service for Colonel Sir John Carew Pole, Bt, which was held in Truro Cathedral this afternoon.

Memorial services

Sir Lees Mayall
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr Anthony Figgis, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Lees Mayall held yesterday in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. The Rev John Robson officiated. Mr Robert Mayall, son, read the lesson and Mr Alan Maclean gave an address.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Derek Dodson and the Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Head of the Diplomatic Service by Mr David Beaumont.

Among others present were:
The Hon Lady Mayall (widow), Miss Cordelia Mayfield and Mrs Alexandra Morland (daughters), Mr and Mrs John Ungley (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Nicholas Coleridge, Miss Rebecca Metcalfe, Mr Aaron Summerscale and Mr Zac Summerscale (grandchildren), Mrs Cecil Cook (sister), Mrs Robert Mayall (daughter-in-law), the Hon John Ormsby-Gore (brother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Bill Pease (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Katharine Viscountess Macmillan (sister-in-law), Mr Charles Campbell (step-son) and Mrs Jan Campbell, the Hon Adam Macmillan, Miss Anne Tallentire.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury, Birgitte Countess of Stockton, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Henniker, Lord and Lady Aberconway, the Hon Diana Makgill, Sir Anthony and Lady Mayer, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Lady Pilcher, Sir Nicholas and Lady Spreckley, Sir Paul Wright, Sir Eustace Gibbs, Sir Peter Thorne, Mrs Edward Sutro.

Mr Stanley Martin, Mr and Mrs Peter Lawrence, Mrs Alan Maclean, Mr and Mrs Ralph Selby, Mr Ferdinand Mount, Miss Anne Dobinson, Mlle Françoise Gevers, Mr Tom Davies, Mr David Bendall, Mr and Mrs Robert Alston, Mr Hugh Carless (Anglo Venezuelan Society), Mr Richard Mawditt (Bath University), Mr Peter Greening (Bath Preservation Trust) and Mr Frank Brenchley (Travellers' Club).

Colonel Sir Richard Martin-Bird
The Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Richard Martin-Bird held yesterday in Manchester Cathedral.

The Dean of Manchester officiated, assisted by Canon M.J.B. Henry and the Rev John Ellis. Major-General P.R. Davies, Colonel of the King's Regiment, read the lesson and Sir Geoffrey Errington gave an address. The Dean of Manchester pronounced the blessing.

Luncheon

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Israel and Mrs Herzog. The other guests were:
The Ambassador of Israel and Mrs Biran, Mr Nissan Limor, Colonel Giora Pordes, Mr and Mrs Gideon Meir, Mr Ilan Baruch, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, and Mrs Brooke, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, and Lady Mayhew, the Hon Douglas Hogg, MP, the Hon Tim Sainsbury, MP, and Mrs Sainsbury, Mr Irvine Patnick, MP, and Mrs Patnick, the Chief Rabbi and Mrs Sacks, Lord and Lady Young of Graffham, Lord and Lady Sieff of Brimpton, Lord Richard, QC, Mrs Deborah Owen, Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, and Lady Boyson, Sir John Wheeler, MP, and Lady Wheeler, Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, Mr David Howell, MP, and Mrs Howell, Sir Georg and Lady Solti, Sir Sigmund and Lady Sternberg, Sir Basil and Lady Feldman, Sir David and Lady Alliance, Sir Trevor and Lady Chinn, Sir Nicholas Lloyd and Miss Eve Pollard, Mr and Mrs Stewart Steven, His Honour Israel Finestein, QC, and Mrs Finestein, Mr David Evans, MP, and Mrs Evans, Mr Eric Pickles, MP, Mr and Mrs Harvey Goldsmith, Mr and Mrs David Meller, Mr William Nagel, Mr and Mrs Ben Peri, Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter and Lady Harding, Mr Andrew Burns and Mr Stephen Wall.

Westonbirt School for Girls

The following Scholarship awards have been made for September 1993:

Sixth Form
Scholarship: Rebecca Mann, Westonbirt. Minor Exhibitions: Arabella Battie, Westonbirt, and Carina Pomeroy, Westonbirt. Minor Award: Sarah Finnigan, Westonbirt.

Westonbirt Memorial Awards (internal) for Sixth Form Study to Rosanne Kingsley-Smith, Victoria Amor, Kirsty Crwys-Williams, Clare Grim and Nancy White.

Under 12
Scholarship: Clemency Jacques, Glendower. Exhibitions: Joanna de Vries, Hopelands; Lucinda Russell, Leaden Hall; Victoria Russell, Leaden Hall.

Under 14
Exhibitions: Rosi Jack, Westonbirt; Nicola Drakeford, Westonbirt. Minor Award: Sylvine Simpson, Westonbirt. Minor Music Award: Elspeth Maconochie, Oakley Hall.

Dinners

British-American-Canadian Associates
British-American-Canadian Associates gave a dinner last night at Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, South Kensington, in honour of Professor Earl H. Fry, of Brigham Young University, in Utah, USA. Professor David Adams, Chairman, presided.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Future imperfect: there is increasing concern for the former Custom House in King's Lynn, Norfolk, listed Grade I and regarded as an outstanding example of 17th century architecture (John Young writes). The building occupies a prominent and at present somewhat forlorn position on the town's picturesque old quays. It was sold by Customs and Excise in 1989 to Roger Gaum, chairman of Norwich Investments Property Group, on the assumption that it would be opened to the public, possibly as a museum. John Nicholls, secretary of King's Lynn Archaeological Society, says the building is showing obvious signs of decay and is in urgent need of maintenance. It is the duty of the local authority to ensure that it does not deteriorate further, he says. Ian Stockwell, leader of King's Lynn and West Norfolk borough council, said yesterday that the council would do all it could to ensure that the building was kept in proper repair. If the opportunity arose, the council would consider taking it over, but was anxious to avoid compulsory purchase. Adrian Parker, borough planning officer, said the price Mr Gaum paid had not been disclosed, but was understood to be well above that offered by a local trust. Mr Gaum, who was due to meet council officials yesterday, said he was eager to ensure future public access to the building.

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch (Our Lady Undercroft); 9.30 M. 11 Sung Euch. Missa in honorem S. Dominici (Rubbra). Drop, drop slow tears (Walton). Rev J H R Sansmarez; 3.15 E. Responses (Holmes). Weelkes First Service. When David heard (Weelkes); 6.30 Sermon & Compline. Rev J Record.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch. Fugue à 5 (de Grigny), Darke in F, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams). Prelude on Bryn (Vaughan Williams). Canon Ronald Johns; 3 E. You are my heading (Walsh). Purcell in G minor. Wash me throughly (Wesley). Andante in E minor (Wesley); 6.30 Night Prayers. Mr Leslie Boumphrey.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion. The Vice Provost; 11.15 Sung Euch. Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd). God so loved the world (Stainer). Canon David Knight; 4 Baptisms; 6 Choral E. Responses (Smith). Canticles (Byrd Fauxbourdons). Dyrchafaf fy llygaid (Hopkin Evans). Canon Barry Thompson.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch. Litany (Tallis). Mass for five voices (Byrd). Hear my prayer (Purcell). Organ: Fantasia in C minor. The Lord Bishop; 3.45 E. Preces (Howells). Howells in B minor. Like as the hart (Howells). Organ: Rhapsody in D flat (Howells).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch. Mass for four voices (Byrd). Litany to the Holy Spirit (Hurford). The Subdean; 11.15 M. The Lamentation (Bairstow). Miserere mei, Deus (Byrd); 12.20 HC; 3.45 E. Gibbons Second Service. Salvator mundi (Tallis). Organ: Prelude and Fugue in C major (Bach). Rev Alan Duce, Chaplain H M Prison Lincoln.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M and Litany; 8 Holy Euch. Ven R H Roberts; 9 Parish Euch. Ven R H Roberts; 11 Sung Euch. Darke in F. Ave, verum corpus (Byrd). Canon in Residence; 12.15 HC (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Choral E. Ashfield in E minor. Lord, let me know mine end (Greene); 6.30 Festal E and Sermon. The Dean.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch. Darke in E. Almighty and most merciful Father (Harris). The Archdeacon of Manchester; 6.30 E. Responses (plainsong). The Short Service (Ayleward). Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (Hilton). Rev Ben Turner.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch. Vaughan Williams in G minor. Turn back, O man (Holst). Lent Prose (plainsong). Canon Roy White; 3 E and Memorial Service of Ven Bernard Jacobs. Jackson in G. Lord, I call upon thee (Bairstow). Rev Henry Burgin.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M. The Treasurer; 10 Sung Euch. The Litany. Darke in F. Ave Verum Corpus (Elgar). Organ: Fantasia in G (Parry). The Librarian; 6 E. Responses (Smith). Purcell in G minor. Hear my prayer (Purcell). Organ: Prelude in B minor (Bach). The Librarian.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch. Mass for four voices (Byrd). The Rt Rev J B Taylor, Bishop of St Albans; 11.30 M. Benedicite (Sumsion in B flat). Benedictus (Ireland in C). Let thy merciful ears, O Lord (Mudd); 3 E. Westminster Service (Howells). Lord, thou has been our refuge (Jouberti). Rev C M Bonneywell.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M. Benedicite (Batten). Hear my prayer (Tomkins). Rt Rev Mgr Ged Lavender; 11.15 Abbey Euch. Messe cum jubilo (Duruflé). Tout Puissant (Poulenc). Rev Paul Ferguson; 3 ES for men's voices (Mundy). Canon Colin Semper; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 SS. Canon Donald Gray.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM. Mass for four voices. Ne irascaris Domine (Byrd). Civitas sancti tui (Byrd); 10 MP; 3 RCIA Rite of Election.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch. Litany (Loosemore). Mass for five voices (Byrd). Rev Jean Mayland; 11.30 M. Responses (Tomkins) The Lamentation (Bairstow). Benedictus in G (Sumsion); 4 E. Magnificat (Swayne). Nunc Dimittis (plainsong). Civitas Sancti tui (Byrd). Canon Ralph Mayland.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral M. Responses (Ayleward). Benedictus. The Lamentation (Bairstow). Miserere Mei (Byrd). Organ: Sonata in E flat (Bairstow). Rev Fr Paul Kinsey.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's Service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM. Fr Dermot Dunne.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M. Responses (Ayleward). Benedicite (Sumsion in B flat). Benedictus (Stanford in B flat). Rt Rev Philip Newell, Bishop of Tasmania; 11.30 HC. Missa Sancti Dominici (Rubbra). Let my complaint (Batten); 3.15 E. The Service on Plainsong Tones (Willis). Like as the hart (Howells). Organ: Kyrie, Gott Heilige Geist (Bach). Ven George Cassidy, Archdeacon of London.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch. Ireland in C. Hear my prayer (Purcell). The Provost; 6.30 Choral E. Watson in E. The Wilderness (Wesley). Rev G Greig.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM. Missa Brevis (Walton). Cast me not away (Wesley). Rev P McGeary; 6 E & B. Fauxbourdons (Byrd). When David heard (Tomkins). The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Choir Anthem "Message" (Pegler). Rev John Cook; 6.30 Rev Stephen Wookey.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa lauda Sion (Palestrina). Let thy merciful ears (Weelkes). Remember O thou man (Ravenscroft).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15 Fr Francis Edwards, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM. Mass for four voices (Byrd). Domine non sum dignus (Vittoria). Adoramus te Christe (Handl).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 8 HC, Rev Sandy Millar; 11 Informal Service (Creche and Children's Church), Rev Nicholas Gumbel; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Sandy Millar.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass. Missa Douce memoire (Lassus). Emendemus in melius (Byrd). 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B. Domine convertere (Lassus).

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Ronald T Englund; 7 Jazz Vespers, St Anne's Jazz Choir and Jazz Trio, Rev Anders Arin, Swedish Church of London.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M. Benedicite (Lloyd), Remember not, Lord, our offences (Purcell). Rev Antony Winter; 6.30 E, plainsong and fauxbourdons (Morley), Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley). Rev Antony Winter.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch. Benedicite (Lloyd in B flat), Whitlock in G. A Litany (Walton). Organ: Litanies (Alain). Institute of Journalists present. Rev Angus Galbraith; 6.30 Choral E. Responses (Ayleward). Canticles (Batten fourth service). Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us (Walmisley). Organ: Final (Franck). Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 MP. Benedicite (Sumsion in B flat). Benedictus (Canterbury Service/Howells). Wash me throughly (Wesley).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Messe basse (Fauré). O Domine Jesu Christi (Monteverdi).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch. Mass in D (Williams). O vos omnes (Correa). The Rector.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Choral M. Responses (Ayleward). Benedicite (Purcell). Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley). The Rector; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch. Five Part Litany (Tallis). Saint Martin's Service (Stringer). Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley). Clare Ella; 11.30 Visitors to London Service. Responses (Ayleward). Ad te levavi oculos meos (Palestrina). The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Peter Kao; 5 Choral E with choir of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields and Saint Martin's Scholars. Responses (Tomkins). Magnificat/Nunc Dimittis (Short Service/Byrd); Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley); 6.30 ES. The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM. Kyrie "Le Roy" (Taverner). Missa brevis (Henry V). Dr Brian Horns; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M. Responses (Tomkins). Lamentation (Bairstow). Benedicrus (Stainer in E flat). Remember now thy Creator (Steggall).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch. Missa in A (Lotti). Sing unto the Lord (Boyce). A Hymn to God the Father (Humfrey). Rev Henry Ruschmeyer.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 7 9 LM; 11 SM. Missa a 4 (Byrd). Exaudi Deus orationem meum (Lassus). Ave Verum Corpus (Byrd). Fr Neil Cocking; 6 Stations of the Cross & Benediction.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP. My Soul there is a country (Parry). Canon N MacDonald Ramm.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M & Litany. Responses (Reading). Benedicite (Dyson in F). Jubilate (Healey Willan fauxbourdons). Litany (Tallis for five voices); 3.30 E. Responses (Tunnard). Beati quorum via (Stanford). Gibbons Short Service. Beatus vir (Monteverdi).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch. Missa Simile est regnum coelorum (Victoria). Miserere (Allegri). In ieiunio et fletu (Tallis). Canon Gordon Reid.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M. Lamentations (Bairstow). Hear my prayer (Batten). The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.

ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon. Responses (Tallis). Te Deum, Benedicrus (Tallis Short Service). My God, My God (Blow).

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 HC. Vaughan Williams in G minor. Hear my prayer O Lord (Purcell). The Creed (Merbecke). Organ: Fugue No.1 on B.A.C.H. (Schumann). The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: Services at Chelsea Barracks, SW1. 11 M. Benedicite and Gloria. Miserere (Allegri). Organ: Priests War March from "Athalie" (Mendelssohn). Rev K R Joyce (Band of The Grenadier Guards); 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch. Call To Remembrance (Farrant). Thou wilt keep him (Wesley). The Chaplain.

Forthcoming marriages

The Rev Dr G.E. Barritt and Miss K.L. Windle
The engagement is announced between Gordon Emerson Barritt, of Grange Park, London, and Karen Lesley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Windle, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr J. Blackmore and Miss T.J. Hames
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Blackmore, of Oakham, Rutland, and Tracey, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Hames, of Kuala Lumpur.

Dr J.R. Britt and Miss P.S. Wynes
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Dr and Mrs Reginald Britt, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kim Wynes, of Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Mr G.R. Easson and Miss C.E. Reip
The engagement is announced between Geoff, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Easson, of Nether Kinmundy, Scotland, and Carolyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Reip, of St Mellion, Cornwall.

Mr S.T.M. Elliott and Miss S.L. Gillatt
The engagement is announced between Simon Thomas Marchant, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Adrian Elliott, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Sharon Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graeme Gillatt, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Mr J.L. Forbes and Miss V.J. Trembath
The engagement is announced between James Logan, eldest son of Margaret and Graham Forbes, of Loughton, Essex, and Vanessa Jane, youngest daughter of Rosamund and John Trembath, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr J.A.L. Barr and Miss A.M. Millbrook
Jamie Barr and Alexandra Millbrook announce their engagement.

Mr A.G. Goyder and Miss V.J.L. Best
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dan Goyder, of Capel St Mary, Suffolk, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Best, of Colchester, Essex.

Mr J.J.P. Greenstreet and Miss C.E. Parrish
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Greenstreet, of Camberley, Surrey, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Parrish, of Heaton, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Mr R.A. Maxwell and Miss H.J. Prescott
Mr and Mrs Stephen G. Prescott, of Wold House, Lund, near Driffield, East Yorkshire, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Jane, to Ross Alan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard A. Maxwell, of Glenone, Feilding, New Zealand.

Major C.S.T. Page and Miss A.S. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Major Charles Page, Scots Guards, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Page, of Horsham, Sussex, and Amanda Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr Stephen Marshall, of Wisborough Green, Sussex, and Mrs David Marshall, of Slinfold, Sussex.

Mr M.C. Thomas and Miss P.A. Mickledthwaite
The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Dr and Mrs J. Thomas, of Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Penny, youngest daughter of Mr J. Micklethwaite, of Holymoorside, Chesterfield, and Mrs J. Micklethwaite, of Dore, Sheffield.

Birthdays

Today
Miss Marian Anderson, contralto, 91; Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, 52; Lord Belhaven and Stenton, 66; the Marquess of Bute, 60; Sir Michael Butler, pro-provost and chairman of council, Royal College of Art, 66; Viscount Cowdray, 83; Sir Peter Emery, MP, 67; Sir Berkeley Gage, diplomat, 89; Viscount Head, 56; Mr Mervyn Jones, author, 71; Mr Michael Kaye, director, City of London Festival, 68; Sir Hugh Leggatt, art dealer, 68; Mr Edward Lucie-Smith, poet and art critic, 60; Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman, Sears, 60; Mr Ralph Nader, consumer protection pioneer, 59; Mr Alberto Remedios, opera and concert singer, 58; Sir Algernon Rumbold, diplomat, 87; Mr Gene Sarazen, golfer, 91; Mr M.M. Shearer, Lord Lieutenant of Shetland, 69; Miss Antoinette Sibley, prima ballerina, 54; Sir Andrew Sloan, former chief constable, Strathclyde, 62; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, actress, 61; Lord Young of Graffham, 61.

Tomorrow
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Loretto/Heriot-Watt Essay Prize

The Loretto/Heriot-Watt University Essay Prize 1993 "Man's Influence on the Climate" is open to all pupils in full time education. The prize will be an overnight stay in London with visits to the Royal Society and the Meteorological Office. The prizewinner will be announced at the 1993 Loretto/Heriot-Watt Lecture to be given by Sir John Mason, CB, FRS, DSc, former Director General of the Meteorological Office, in the Loretto Theatre, Musselburgh, near Edinburgh on Wednesday, May 12, 1993. Entry forms may be obtained from: The Headmaster, Loretto/Heriot-Watt Essay Prize 1993, Loretto, Musselburgh, Midlothian, EH21 7RE. Telephone: 031 653 2618.

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BIRTHS

CLODE - On 23rd February, to Suzanne (née Terner) and Alexander, a son, Frederick Oliver George, a brother for Emelia.

CUTHBERT - On 20th February 1993, to Alan and Fiona-Jane (née Finlay), a daughter, Gillian Caroline Fiona.

DOBREE - On February 22nd, to Lesley (née Stirling) and Charles, a son, Thomas John Bonamy, a brother for Lucy.

GARAI - On February 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Bettina (née Langer) and Andrew, a son - Anthony, a brother for Alexander.

HOOD - On February 25th at Epsom Hospital, to Ella (née Batchelor) and Trevor, a son, Matthew David.

KINAHAN - On February 24th, to Anna (née Bence-Trower) and Danny, a daughter, Eliza Emma Marguerite.

McVITIE - On February 25th in Toulouse, to Juliet (née Crawford) and Doug, a son, Max Louis James, a brother to Mollie.

PLAYFAIR - On February 18th, to Rosemary and Dick, a son, Christian Toby. A big thank you to Simpsons for everything.

SMITH - On February 22nd, at the Airedale General Hospital, Keighley, to Tanya and Christopher - a brother for Lucy. William Richard Hattersley.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

FLATTERY:BURNE - On 27th February 1968, Sean and Kathleen. Love from family and friends.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

WILLOUGHBY:DICKERSON - Kenneth and Vera, married 27th February 1943 at St Michael and All Angels, Stoke Newington, London N16. Now in Exmouth.

DEATHS

CASEY - Thomas Aquinas, aged 63, ophthalmic surgeon, on 25th February, after a short illness borne with great courage. Beloved and most loving husband of Maria, dearest father of Julian, Adrian and Emma, darling grandfather of Emily, Edward and Sophie, caring father-in-law of Katie and Alison and brother to Eileen, Patrick and Mary. Requiem Mass Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1, Friday 5th March at 10 am. Family flowers only, donations to Blond McIndoe Research Trust c/o A. France & Son Ltd, 45 Lamb's Conduit Street, WC1. Burial private.

COWIE - On February 24th peacefully in hospital at Hastings, New Zealand, Henry John aged 85. Much loved husband of Jean and treasured father of four and grandfather of eleven. Donations if desired to Lincoln College, Oxford.

CUMBERLEGE - On Wednesday 24th February, peacefully in hospital, Francis Maurel Cumberlege C.B.E. Dearly loved brother of Joyce and Anne and uncle of his nephews and nieces. Funeral Service at Peterborough Crematorium on Wednesday 3rd March at 2 pm. No letters or flowers at his request. If desired, donations to 'Fight for Sight' c/o Institute of Ophthalmology, 11-43 Bath Street, London EC1V 9EL. Thanksgiving Service in London to be announced later.

EKINS - On February 25th 1993, Victor Howard, of Little Barford, Cambridgeshire. Dearly loved husband of Margaret (Kim), father of Anthony and Paul, grandfather of Lucinda and Edward. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon, on Thursday 4th March at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger c/o T.L. Cobbold, 23 New Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 1AJ.

ENGHOLM - On 25th February peacefully and suddenly after a short illness, Nancy, beloved wife of the late Basil and dearly loved mother of Cherry and grandmother of Caroline and Elizabeth. Cremation at Charing Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd March at 2 pm.

GIBSON - On 25th February 1993, peacefully at home, Wilfrid Humble (Tim) aged 87 years. Darling husband of Joan and father of Amanda, Tony, Derwent and Melissa. Private family funeral at Minsteracres.

FOGES - On 26th February 1993 peacefully after a long illness, Lotte Amalia Foges, widow of Ernst Foges, mother of the late Joe Foges, sister to Edith Sekules, devoted grandmother of Christopher, Natasha, Harry and Clare and beloved companion of Andrew Pastor. A cremation will take place on Sunday 28th February at 11.30 am at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel), Hoop Lane, NW11.

GOBY - Robert, peacefully in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on February 4th 1993. Formerly of Nakuru, Kenya. Beloved husband of Dulcie, dearest Dad of Brian, Carol and Wendy and wonderful grandfather to Claire, Gillian, Steven, Nicola, Greg and Andrew. Funeral has taken place.

HALLIDEN - On February 25th, peacefully at home and fortified by the Rites of the Catholic Church, Bernard Michael Fisher, of London and Newry, late of Guinness Breweries Dublin and Park Royal, beloved husband of Molly, father of Ann and Michael, father-in-law of Sue, grandfather of Mark, Francesca, Jacinta, Catherine, Lucinda and Patrick, grandfather-in-law of Henry. Requiem Mass at Ealing Abbey on Tuesday 2nd March at 10 am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations for Marie Curie Cancer Care to Patrick Ryan & Son, 6 South Ealing Road, London W5 4QA.

HANKEY - Suddenly on February 19th, the Reverend Simon. Funeral Monday March 1st, St Andrew's, Ashingdon, Essex, 11 am. No flowers please.

HENDERSON - On February 24th 1993, Mary Winn, aged 75, widow of Alexander Henderson. Much beloved by her daughters Susan and Sarah and by her grandchildren Simon, Charlotte, Tom and Christopher. Funeral Saturday March 6th at 2.30pm All Saints and St Nicolas, Icklesham. Flowers to Ellis Brothers, 3 Ferry Road, Rye.

LAWRIE - At home on 25th February 1993 after a seven year war with cancer fought with great spirit Mary Elizabeth Jean ("Susie"), wonderful wife of Tom and mother of Joanna and Kay. Cremation service for family only followed by Memorial Service at St Andrew's and St George's Parish Church, George Street, Edinburgh, at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd March 1993 to which all friends are invited.

MASON - Wing Commander Frank MBE RAF (Ret) suddenly at home on 24th February aged 89. Dearly loved husband of Nanny and father of 4, he will be sadly missed. Service, Lincoln Crematorium at 11 am on Tuesday 2nd March. Family flowers only, enquiries and donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation c/o (0522) 534971.

NIXON - Peacefully at home in Llandaff, John Swindale, the beloved husband of Nan and a dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service in Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, on Tuesday 2nd March at noon. Family flowers only. All enquiries to James Summers & Son, tel: (0222) 484606.

NEWBY - On February 25th, peacefully at Andover Nursing Home, Colin Newby OBE, Colonel (rtd), R.A.O.C., aged 89 years. Dearly loved husband of Christine and father of Rebecca. Funeral Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Andover, on Wednesday March 3rd at 11.30 am followed by committal at Salisbury Crematorium at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations to Chest Heart & Stroke Association, c/o Dunning Funeral Services, 2 Church Close, Andover SP10 1DP, to whom all enquiries should be made.

PAYNE - On February 25th 1993, peacefully at Dorset County Hospital, P.V. Lovell of Martinstown, Dorset, aged 92. Loving and much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Dorchester, at 1.45pm on Thursday March 4th followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Any enquiries please to Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester. tel: (0305) 262338.

QUICK - Dom Timothy, Monk of Prinknash and Abbey Bookbinder, died 24th February. Funeral 2.30 pm Tuesday 2nd March at the Abbey.

ROBERTSON - Andrew aged 48, loving husband of May and much loved father of Gary and Jillian. Died peacefully at home on 25th February 1993, after a short illness courageously fought. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Vice President of UNISYS. Funeral Wednesday 3rd March at 1 pm at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Wokingham, to which all friends and colleagues are welcome. Flowers to Camberley and District Funeral Services Ltd., Yorktown Road, College Town, Camberley, tel: (0276) 33241.

SMITH-PEARSE - On February 22nd peacefully in Andover Nursing Home, Katherine (Kate) aged 99. Dearly loved wife of the late Lawrence Smith-Pearse. Much loved by her family and many friends. Cremation private. Memorial Service at Tangley Church (Hampshire) at 2.30 pm on Saturday March 13th at which all relatives and friends are welcome. Donations if desired to Sight Savers (R.C.S.B.), PO Box 191, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 4YF, for eye clinics in India.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BRODIE - Adrian Paul, 28th February 1992, in loving memory: Heather, David, Juliet and Francis.

MARTIN - Andrew, died 27th February 1985. Loved and remembered today and always.

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BOLGER, JAMES of 50A Bromar Road, London SE5 died on 5th November 1992: Particulars to Hepburns Solicitors of Blenheim House, Blenheim Grove, Peckham, London SE15 4QX before 28th April 1993.

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GOODWIN, MARY ELIZABETH of The Kathleen Rutland Home For the Blind 117 Hinckley Road, Leicester formerly of Forest East Leicester died on 4-2-93: Particulars to Philip J Hammond & Sons Solicitors of 47 Friar Lane, Leicester LE1 5QX before 14th May 1993

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HENDERSON, INGEBORG VIOLET MARIE LOUISE, 16A Broadlands Road, Highgate, London N6, died 4th September 1992: Particulars to Harbottle & Lewis Solicitors, Hanover House, 14 Hanover Square, London W1R 0BE before 30th April 1993.

KIRKWOOD, HELEN, 5 Lenthall House, Churchill Gardens, London, SW1V 3AB, died 24th August 1992: Particulars to Piper Smith & Basham, 31 Warwick Square, London SW1V 2AF (Ref: K073.1.MS.SM.Kirkwood) before 7th May 1993.

SCOTT, PERCIVAL JAMES GREEN of 26 Keith Road, Hayes, Middlesex died on 7th February 1993: Particulars to Messrs. Hamlin Slowe Solicitors of Roxburghe House, 273/287 Regent Street, London, W1A 4SQ before 29 April 1993.

STRANGMAN, EILEEN of Hansnett Farm, Canon Frome, Ledbury, Hereford and Worcester. Description: Widow. Died 28th October 1992. Particulars to: Messrs. Radcliffes & Co., (R/TJB/MT) 5, Great College Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3SJ, before 28th April, 1993.

WATSON, PHYLLIS WINIFRED of 53 Harrow Drive, London N9 died on 1st September 1992: Particulars to Bryan O'Connor & Co., Solicitors of 18-20 Southwark Street, London SE1 1TS before 28th April 1993.

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OBITUARIES

SIR REX NIVEN

Sir Rex Niven, CMG, MC, colonial servant in Nigeria for 40 years, died on February 22 aged 94. He was born in Torquay on November 20, 1898.



REX NIVEN'S life epitomised the classical endeavours of an Englishman of the first half of the 20th century. Retirement from the Colonial Service in 1954 was clearly only the end of the beginning. He was by then a senior resident in the north of Nigeria and had acted as lieutenant-Governor of the Northern Region on two separate occasions.

His long life spanned a quite extraordinary career of diverse journeys, events and deeds that could have featured in the stories of G.A. Henty, John Buchan — or even Somerset Maugham.

The son of a missionary, he never forgot his earliest travels from Japan to England in the company of his mother; and a long visit to Egypt remained equally in his mind. Then the first world war and service as a young Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery. It was during the major German offensive in the spring of 1918 that he earned his Military Cross. As his battery was overrun by German troops he limbered up and galloped the guns away in a manner that would have brought admiration from any of his 19th century predecessors.

As with so many of his generation, the war disrupted his education, which had started at Blundell's School, Tiverton. But, following the armistice, he resumed his studies and returned to Balliol — leaving with a respectable degree in 1921. The Colonial Service was recruiting vigorously to replace wartime losses and what more natural for an ex-officer than to embark on a career that promised adventure and excitement.

Nigeria, previously run by the Royal Niger Company, came under the control of the Colonial Office as late as 1900 and was only fully pacified four or five years later. The first world war was a static period and so by 1921 the administration of the country had barely settled into the pattern it was to experience until the arrival of independence. Niven was much in the position of Eric Blair (George Orwell) in the Burma of a year or two later, even down to having to witness hangings. Young district officers, dispensing bush justice, certainly tried to be fair but they also prided themselves on being firm. The idea was still strong that Africans responded best if treated as children and, at least in his younger days, Niven fully reflected this attitude. Starting at the secretariat in Lagos he was soon posted to Kabba province in the north. Thereafter nearly all his official life was spent in the north with only brief interludes in Lagos.

The encroachment of the Sahara desert at the northern boundary was an early cause for concern. Overgrazing and tilling by a growing population, which only had felled trees to provide fuel with which to cook, were the main reasons for environmental anxiety. Niven established a massive tree-planting scheme in Maidugari province using the Indian neem tree (millions of which were planted). In the 1920s many northern towns had the appearance of desert towns, virtually bare of vegetation. Their green aspect of today owes much to Niven's early efforts.

Trade and administration were the two great pillars of Nigeria's economic and political development. Niven's somewhat Forsyte-type sense of humour produced many acerbic comments about "the traders" operating in the country and he sometimes needed to be reminded at whose table he was sitting.

Formally retiring from the Colonial Service in 1954 Niven happened to be serving as president of the Northern House of Assembly and he remained in that office until 1958 when he became Speaker. He was knighted in 1960. His last job was as commissioner for special duties before returning to England in 1962.

It was ironic, in its way, that the man who had started out as a young, slightly authoritaran district officer should have ended up weening aspirant politicians away from the past and into a form of Westminster democracy. He always felt his greatest task was to encourage impossibly reserved northern noblemen and dignitaries to risk making public speeches. His successor was an eminent Nigerian whom Niven prepared with great sympathy and practical advice.

For a time he combined his legislative activities with writing a series of Nigerian history books which, for some generations of the nation's schoolchildren, were their sole source for the history of their country. And he joined those who had earlier been the butt of his malicious humour, the traders. He successfully persuaded the Nigerian authorities to buy Land Rover vehicles and Bailey Bridges.

By the time he left Nigeria he had served there for 40 years and, even back in Britain, his interest in the country never diminished. He continued to turn out a steady stream of reference and educational books.

In 1968 during the civil war, and at the personal request of the head of state General Gowon, he visited Lagos to assist in putting before the world the federal government's story to provide a balance to the case so effectively made by the Biafrans. Success came slowly — but by 1970 Niven could afford to stand back and offer in his *The War of Nigerian Unity* an authoritative account of the whole conflict. As its title suggests, it was scarcely sympathetic to Biafran aspirations but, like most old Nigeria hands, Niven retained a strong loyalty to the region in which he had served.

His *Nigerian Kaleidoscope* (1982) is a much more personal work. It vividly brings back to life the atmosphere of the 1920s and 1930s in the bush, of the rigours of day-to-day existence in isolated places and of what in those days was essentially a paternalistic regime. Clearly emphasised is the positive relationship between the ruled and the rulers — a relationship that Niven liked to believe could survive even primitive forms of punishment like putting miscreants in the stocks.

It was probably a disappointment to Niven that he did not progress higher in the colonial service — he loved ceremony and was not against pageant — but he paid the price of his loyalty to the people of his own region. As it was, he could console himself with the memory that at least one governor, on reading one of his earlier books *How Nigeria is Governed* (1950), was heard to murmur: "Thank God, I know at last."

Niven's latter years were spent in Deal and Walmer, Kent — though when he first returned to Britain he spent six years serving Mervyn Stockwood as deputy secretary of the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance. He went on to be a member of the General Synod for the Canterbury diocese from 1975-80. He was also the founder-president of the Canterbury branch of the Oxford Society, retaining a great affection for his old university which even led him, mischievously, to apply for the mastership of Balliol at the age of 90.

He married first, in 1925, Dorothy Mason who died in 1977, by whom he had two daughters. He married secondly, in 1980, Pamela Beerbohm, who survives him.

HERVE MILLE

Herve Mille, a leading figure in the French press and the right-hand man of the late newspaper and magazine tycoon Jean Prouvost, died in Paris on February 22 aged 83.



HERVE Mille's career spanned a period from the 1930s, when he headed the popular, mass-circulation *Paris-Soir*, to the 1950s and 1960s when he directed the re-launching of *Paris Match*, France's equivalent to the American *Life* and Britain's old *Picture Post*, as well as the monthly women's magazine *Marie-Claire*. He later added to his publishing stable *Tele 7 Jours*, the first television guide in magazine form in France which also sold in the millions.

Mille was part-editor-in-chief, part managing director. He was also a socialite who attracted famous names as columnists. All the time, however, he worked in the shadow of Prouvost, the Roubaix textile millionaire who had moved into the Parisian press in the inter-war years with the purchase of *Paris-Midi* and *Paris-Soir*. The latter was aimed at the man in the street and its circulation had risen to 2.5 million by the outbreak of the second world war. Winston Churchill and Clement Attlee were among contributors.

Prouvost, along with Mille, launched *Match*, forerunner of *Paris Match*, which reached 1.8 million by 1940 and *Marie-Claire* with 1.5 million sale.

Mille, for a time, was pre-war correspondent for Prouvost in London with an office at the *Daily Mirror*. Later, his boss formed close ties with Lord Beaverbrook and *Match* and the *Daily Express* had a long and close collaboration.

During the war, Mille published *Paris-Soir* in Lyons, obtaining American news agency reports on what was happening in the world via Switzerland. His Paris news came from a wide network of contacts he frequently telephoned. The Germans were producing their own *Paris-Soir* in the capital and their own version of *Match* called *Signal*. Mille had his version of *Match* at Lyons called *7 Jours*.

At the Liberation, the German *Paris-Soir* was seized by the Resistance and became *France Soir*. The Resistance accused Prouvost of an ambiguous position vis-a-vis Vichy, although he had stopped publication of the Lyons *Paris-Soir* at the end of 1942. Prouvost and Mille were left without a daily newspaper, but they revived *Match* as *Paris Match* and it became one of the biggest success stories in post-war French publishing, rising at one point to close to 3 million sales a week.

Match photographers were regarded as among the very best and most daring in the world. It was the pre-television age and *Paris Match* brought the world to all of France. Every French town — and many villages — had a sign at their outskirts of the kind: "Clochemerel, 2,000 inhabitants, 1,000 readers of *Paris Match*".

Before the war, Mille had secured the novelist Collette as a contributor (he was her neighbour in apartments overlooking the Palais Royal square) and he hired Georges Simenon to cover major trials. At one time, he had the writer-pilot Antoine Saint-Exupery as a foreign correspondent.

He continued to attract big names after the war. He was helped by the fact that he and his brother, Gerard, decorator to the wealthy, acquired a Left Bank house in the Rue de Varenne which they transformed into a modern literary, artistic and social *salon*, frequented by the likes of Coco Chanel, Gerard Philipe, Juliette Greco, Jean Cocteau, the French Rothschilds, the publisher Gaston Gallimard and many others.

Mille had a sideline as theatre impresario and acquired the French rights to Tennessee Williams's *Streetcar Named Desire*. He almost persuaded Marlon Brando, his house guest, to play in it on the French stage using a mixture of English and French.

Mille's father had been director of the Constantinople branch of the Banque de France in 1914 and had made money from funds fleeing Russia. A change of regime in Turkey, however, forced the family to move back to France. Mille became a junior reporter on a Nice paper where he quickly obtained a scoop, the death of the dancer Isadora Duncan, strangled when her long scarf became entangled in the wheels of a car.

Prouvost soon hired him and, aside from his journalistic duties, he carried out several delicate missions for his boss involving purchases of newspapers.

However, Prouvost did not consult him over his post-war purchase of *Le Figaro*, France's leading daily newspaper, which went sour when the powerful Society of Journalists, with their blocking vote, turned against him, leading him to sell *Le Figaro* — and *Match* — to Hachette in 1967.

Mille was always at the heart of Parisian social life and was known as "le premier dineur en ville" (the leading diner out). He was a man of the salons and one *Match* editor, Raymond Castans, described him as "someone left over from the universe of Marcell Proust."

Yet, he kept a popular touch, helping to make *Paris Match*, in its heyday, one of the world's great illustrated magazines.

CHARLES AUBRUN

Professor Charles Aubrun, former director of the Institut Hispanique at the Sorbonne, and professor of Spanish at Bordeaux and Nice, died in a Paris hospital on February 2 aged 86. He was born on April 4, 1906.

IF ANYONE could claim the title, "l'un des grands philologues de notre temps" it was Charles Aubrun. He was director of the Hispanic Institute of the Sorbonne, having previously held the chair of Spanish at Bordeaux, where he edited the *Bulletin Hispanique*. From 1972 until his retirement he held the new chair of Spanish at Nice. He was an officer of the Legion of Honour.

He was the author of succinct manuals of Spanish literature, the Spanish theatre, the *comedia*, Latin American Literature, and Central America. Although his interests ranged from an edition of the works of Bolivar to the founding of a centre for Catalan studies, his studies turned especially on the *romancero* and the theatre. For Aubrun, every honest work of literature is the subjective expression of its author in his words and language. The *Poem Of The Cid* is literature of the thirteenth century, not a historical document of the hero of the eleventh. The remote *romances* inferred by Menéndez Pidal might have existed, but are not literature and cannot be discussed as if they were.

Born in Paris at Clichy, Aubrun saw himself as a *clerc*, descended from generations of rural stock in the Ardennes and Berry, whose language had formed him. His parents, lacking intellectual preparation, gave him discipline and independence. He identified himself with his inherited cottage at Mennetou (Loir-et-Cher), where his aunt had begun life tending geese and goats. He learnt Spanish in 1923, and took it at the Sorbonne.

On graduating, he taught at Murcia, a convenient place of exile from Madrid for independent academica, where he found an international circle which included his English future wife. He was then posted to Morocco.

Later at the Casa de Velásquez, the Madrid home of the Institut de France, he associated with the Spanish intelligentsia, then dominated by Unamuno, and particularly the poet Gerardo Diego. Appointed to Bordeaux, he undertook extensive travels in the Americas, which continued when he moved to Paris. In 1972, Aubrun was elected unanimously to the new chair at Nice. In his later years, he enjoyed great esteem in Germany and his life-long association with this country brought him every year to Folkestone. His wife survives him.

WILLOUGHBY GRAY

Willoughby Pownall-Gray, MC, MBE, actor, died on February 13 aged 76. He was born on November 5, 1916.



WILLOUGHBY Gray, known to his family and friends as Willo, was a man almost outrageously showered with gifts. He was a military expert, a heraldic scholar, a historian, an accomplished artist and a fine actor.

As the last of a line of one of Britain's most distinguished military families — his father was Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Pownall Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff — Willoughby Gray, who added his mother's maiden name to his surname, volunteered for the Army a year before the outbreak of war in 1939.

Educated at Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh, and Herford College, Oxford, where he was known as a mean forward on the rugby field and a gifted horseman, he took with him into the Royal Artillery (Phantom) a degree in modern history and a formidable reputation as a Shakespearian actor, gained as an undergraduate in the Oxford University Dramatic Society. He served with distinction in Italy, northwest Europe, including the D-Day landings, and the liberation of Belsen. He gained the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and won the MC and a mention in dispatches. At the end of the war he was awarded the MBE.

Luckily for the British theatre, Willo, in 1946, turned his back on what could have been a successful military career and returned to his first love, the stage, embarking on a varied acting career that spanned nearly half a century. He appeared in John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*, playing Alison's father, in 1956 and in the original production of Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party* which ran for all of seven performances at the Lyric, Hammersmith in 1958. He was in the Manchester Royal Exchange's opening production of *The Prince of Homberg* in 1976, and struck up a lasting friendship with Evelyn Waugh when he played in the first staging of *The Ordeal of Gilbert Pinfold*.

His documentary, *Wyvern at War*, which he wrote and presented, won British television's first American Emmy Award in 1966; he appeared in the BBC's original soap opera, *The Grove Family*, and in *The Onedin Line* and *The Regiment*.

In 1969 in Russia, when filming *Waterloo*, Willo was in charge of the Cossack hordes, half of whom promptly disappeared overnight to invade Afghanistan. His other film credits included Laurence Olivier's *Hamlet* and *Richard III*, the Hammer horror films, *The Ghoul* and *The Mummy*, and the evil Dr Mostner in *A View to A Kill* with Roger Moore as James Bond.

Willoughby Gray, achieved household fame late in life as the banker, Sir John Stevens, in the BBC TV series, *Howard's Way*. Monocle glinting under a raffish Panama, or pencil slim and elegant in black tie, he appeared the epitome of the English gentleman. As indeed he was.

He was happily married for 41 years to Felicity (née Andrea) who died in 1986. They had two sons and a daughter all of whom survive him.

HOWARD PAUL

Howard Paul, inventor of a robotic device which promises to revolutionise hip replacement and many other surgical procedures, died of leukaemia at Stanford University Hospital on February 10 aged 59. He was born in West Hartford, Connecticut.

ROBODOC, a five-foot arm equipped with a high speed drill for piercing human tissue, sounds like one of the nastier inhabitants of science fiction. In fact, in experiments carried out in California over the past four months, it is proving to be a boon to surgeons and patients alike.

Equipped with complex three-dimensional imaging technology, Robodoc has proved capable of providing surgeons with far greater accuracy than their hands can ensure. Connected to a computer, it enables the surgeon to drill such a precise hole that the implant can be inserted without cement. In its first test last November, a 64-year-old man underwent surgery on a Saturday, stood up on Sunday, and began to walk with his artificial hip on Monday.

Howard Paul, who developed the machine, was not a surgeon or even a medical doctor. He was a veterinarian who could not bear to see animals suffer or to put them down if there was any alternative. It was this that led him to perform hundreds of joint replacements on animals, and to conclude that existing methods of hollowing out bones lacked precision.

He set out to bring technology into the operating room to make the procedure more effective and in 1990, with IBM backing, he set up his own company to develop Robodoc for use on human patients.

The Federal Food and Drug Administration approved Robodoc for ten test operations, the last of which was performed successfully on the day following its inventor's death. The agency is now considering whether to approve its general use.

Dr William Bargar, an orthopaedic surgeon who collaborated with Paul and carried out six of the test operations, forecasts that similar robots are likely to become part of many other procedures, including knee replacements, ligament repairs and the removal of brain tumours.

Howard Paul is survived by his wife and one daughter.

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(FROM A FRENCH CORRESPONDENT)

ANTWERP, FEB. 25.

... A minute afterwards the Prince entered from his apartment, and, seating himself upon the chair which had its back towards the window, signed to me to take the other. We were quite alone. While the Prince's countenance remained in shadow, the full light of day played upon my face, and enabled him to study me as closely as he chose.

"You have," said he, "desired to have a private interview with me, and, although I am most fully occupied, I have very readily granted your request, as I understand that having come to Antwerp you would naturally wish to have an opportunity of speaking to me." "Monseigneur," I replied, "I have not come from any idle curiosity; but in France there are only either journals which are perfectly devoted to you, or those which are absolutely hostile to you. You may possibly be disposed to confide some of your views to an impartial and disinterested auditor." "Certainly," he replied; "but upon condition that only shall be attributed to me which I shall really say. It is already enough to have to read the comments that are made upon what I am supposed to have said ..." "Monseigneur," said I, "in your last manifesto you said you represented Reform and not Reaction. Those who are opposed to you have imagined that they found in that word Reform a menace against the Liberal institutions of France." "Yes," he said, and his countenance seemed in the shadow to sadden, "it is the custom in France never to accept the sincerity of spoken words. I made use of the word Reform because there are many bad things to reform, and not because there are Liberal conquests to destroy. I said what I meant." "Again, Monseigneur, it is asserted that you would not assent to a Constitutional Monarchy, and that you would put an end to Parliamentary life." "I have said exactly the contrary in my last Manifesto. I did not employ the word Parliamentary, because it has been by the abuse of words that ideas have been perverted in France, where, to many minds, a Parliamentary Monarchy is but a nominal Monarchy. I have always used the term Representative Monarchy because it implies that a Monarchy represents the nation, and that in its turn the nation is represented by those whom it has truly chosen as well in the Councils of the Monarch as in its legislative expression." "Monseigneur," I said, "it is asserted that your first care would be to suppress universal suffrage, because you would regard it as incompatible with the regular working of a Monarchy, and also because you would condemn it as a purely revolutionary conquest." "Here again, as always," replied the Prince, "my views have been exaggerated. It is not universal suffrage that I would suppress, but universal chance. At present very frequently it is chance alone which determines the choice of the electors, and the nation which has the right to be represented often allows itself to be led astray by considerations quite foreign to the choice of a representative ...

ON THIS DAY

February 27 1872

The Comte de Chambord was the last of the Bourbons; in 1871 he proclaimed himself king of France. Henri de Blowitz was our correspondent and this interview was the first step in his remarkable career as a journalist.

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NEWS

Clinton goes for global prosperity

■ President Clinton, calling for the West to boost the world economy or face a 1930s-style depression, has promised to reject protectionism.

He asked Japan and Germany to join America to act as the engines of global prosperity and turn outward to repeat the successes of the 1940s and 1950s..... **Pages 1, 9, 14, 19**

World Trade Centre blast injures 100

An underground explosion shook the World Trade Centre in New York, collapsing a roof, injuring more than 100 people and starting fires in the city's tallest building. Thousands were removed from the building as more than 300 firemen tackled the blazes..... **Page 1**

Gas depot attack

Anti-terrorist police launched a hunt for one of the bombers behind an attack on Warrington gas depot where three explosions turned night into day. Two men were being questioned and after armed raids in Nottingham two others were held..... **Pages 1, 2**

Major offensive

John Major will attempt to counter the mood of pessimism today when he tells the Conservative local government conference that the message of gloom is being overdone..... **Pages 1, 8**

Yentob post

Alan Yentob, who spent five years in charge of BBC2, has been appointed controller of BBC1, taking him, to what he described as "the heart of British broadcasting and British life"..... **Page 3**

Woman freed

Wheelchair-bound Mabel Hyams, 79, was released by an Old Bailey judge yesterday with a 12 months' suspended prison sentence after admitting the manslaughter of her husband who had taunted her for decades about the sexual prowess of other women..... **Page 3**

Sentence review

The sentence on a teenage rapist who was released and ordered to pay his victim £500 for a good holiday is to be reviewed by the Court of Appeal..... **Page 3**

Hong Kong relief

A decision by Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, to delay publication of his controversial constitutional reform proposals has created a wave of optimism among business leaders who have interpreted the decision as a concession to Peking..... **Page 12**

Treatment order

The government has ordered hospitals to treat without delay those patients in urgent need after five reports showed that half the units in England had cut back work because they had run out of money..... **Page 7**

Top players launch chess rebellion

Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion, and his British challenger, Nigel Short, have refused to play in Manchester under the auspices of the international chess federation, accusing it of acting unethically and failing to consult them before declaring a venue for their match..... **Pages 1, 5, 15**

CHRIS HARRIS



Better times: Susannah York loads *The Times* lorry taking aid supplies to children in Bosnia for the charity, War Child. Page 11

BUSINESS

Talking shop: Finance ministers of the leading industrial nations meet in London today to discuss ways of co-ordinating efforts to revitalise their economies..... **Page 19**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 39.3 to 2,868.0, but the pound fell 1.12 cents to $1.4205 and .41 pfennigs to DM2.3346, closing at 76.0 on the trade-weighted index..... **Page 22**

SPORT

Cricket: Yorkshire's Paul Jarvis took five for 35 to help England beat India in the third one-day international at Bangalore. England won by 48 runs to lead 2-1 in the six-match series..... **Page 36**

Football: "Far more damaging than anything opponents can do to him is the baggage Ryan Giggs must carry as George Best's latest imaginary heir." Michael Henderson profiles Manchester United's latest star..... **Page 32**

LEISURE

Relais & Châteaux: Special offers for *Times* readers at many of the country's finest hotels and restaurants, plus the chance to win a trip to New York..... **Pages 15-18**

Holidays: Elizabeth Dashwood takes her young children to find peace and contentment in a *gite* by the Normandy beaches..... **Page 2**

Collecting: Although Staffordshire figures are often considered twee, many commemorate some of the most gruesome episodes from our social history..... **Page 6**

What to wear: Three headmistresses set an example of deportment, combining chic respectability with an air of reliability, "sensible but not frumpy"..... **Page 12**

Out of town: Paul Heiney's Farmer's Diary investigates the ever-changing economic complications which make it increasingly difficult for a farmer to know how many beans make five..... **Page 3**

Sting in the tales: The singer/songwriter, Sting, attempting to cast off his serious image, takes inspiration from the bawdiness of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* for his new album, *Ten Summoner's Tales*. Also out this week is *Chess Blues*, a superb four-volume compilation of the 101 classic blues songs..... **Weekend, 10**

Beauty revived: In time for the Tchaikovsky centenary, Birmingham Royal Ballet has called upon Peter Wright to dust down its handsome production of *Sleeping Beauty*..... **Weekend, 10**

Voyages of rediscovery: Jeremy Kingston goes to Oxford in search of the Italian master, Carlo Goldoni, who, although regarded as a genius in his own country, has largely been ignored here. Martin Hoyle comes across former teenage vagabond, the liberated Restoration mistress, Susannah Centlivre, in Richmond..... **Weekend, 10**

COMMENT

Simon Jenkins

The housing and urban development bill is a stew whose ingredients include archaic hostility to landlordism, a manifesto pledge aimed at a few marginal seats and an attempt to meet reasoned objection with impenetrable sub-clauses that will vastly enrich our learned friends..... **Page 14**

Alexander Chancellor

If you accept the studies that have linked heart disease to high blood pressure, tobacco, or cholesterol, you can at least give up drinking or eating or smoking. But you can't give up being bald..... **Page 14**

Howard Davies

Painting the Clinton administration into a protectionist corner in which it does not wish to sit will not help. Far better to engage with them early on, as the British did this week..... **Page 14**

DIVERSIONS

Baby care: A BBC2 *Birthnight* evening (today, from 8pm) includes a new series, *A Labour of Love*, about bringing up children in Britain, and Roman Polanski's film *Rosemary's Baby*

Starting out: Tomorrow sees the start of *A Year in Provence* (BBC1, 8.25pm), adapted from Peter Mayle's best-seller and starring John Thaw..... **Weekend 20, 21**

OPINION

More than a gesture

The airlift confirms American readiness to make a military contribution to Balkan peace. It is symptomatic of Mr Clinton's impatience for results. Mr Major was wise to endorse it..... **Page 15**

Newbury pie

The prime minister might prefer a Liberal Democrat in Newbury prepared to vote for the Maastricht bill than a Tory who is not..... **Page 15**

Masters of their fate

The world chess champion, Gary Kasparov, and his British challenger, Nigel Short, have declared an overdue war against the self-serving bureaucracy of the World Chess Federation, a milestone for the game..... **Page 15**

LETTERS

Sir Roy Denman explains why the British fail to occupy key posts in Brussels; motorists describe their experiences of high insurance premiums..... **Page 15**

THE PAPERS

It's not Washington's place to become the arbiter of Russian domestic politics. But the US has a strong interest in the survival of democracy, reform and foreign policy co-operation. Many Americans resist the idea of spending money abroad; Mr Clinton's task is to persuade them they are getting a bargain compared with the likely costs of a larger military establishment

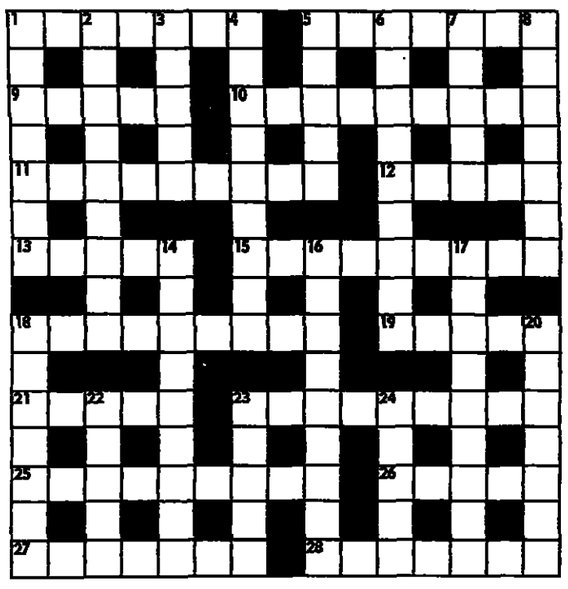
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ACROSS

1 Exercise in papers at university (5-2).
5 It could be the right saloon, perhaps, for this cocktail (7).
9 Point to one capital of Africa, an ancient region (5).
10 Work with major publication — attempt analysis of viewing figures (9).
11 Bird sitting on horse (9).
12 Relating to natural rights left on island (5).
13 Irish poet or English novelist, say (5).
15 Light entertainment? A sporting contest (5,4).
18 Festive treat, say, includes flower, say (6,3).
19 Novel lifting device (5).
21 Extra material silk, for example, inserted for jury (5).
23 Manouevre performed by acrobat, mostly when in the ring (9).
25 Contest round both ends of the pool involved in this? (5-4).
26 That's badly sited (2,3).
27 Early version edited for broadcast (7)
28 Prince I send message to in Northern town (7).

DOWN

1 Criticize love play — not a completely brilliant show (7).
2 Interfering with me as Derby produces fast times (5,4).
3 Inside chest, a shawl is safely put away (5).
4 Plan for adding a little weight (9).
5 Observes uprising instigated thus (3,2).
6 Bottles sea brought up — one's broken into by Jack (9).
7 Provide hospitality for one queen after another, perhaps (5).
8 Payment in sovereigns (7).
14 Essayist and poet, say, put in the shade (5-4).
16 Fight's ending with destruction of MiG and other plane (5,4).
17 Sort of publication that's ready for autumn release (5-4).
18 Authorize part of army to turn over captive soldier held (7).
20 Accuse girl initially? This charge has been dropped (4,3).
22 Some Africans' place of birth (5).
23 A large number, mostly disorderly? (5).
24 Sound of motor inexperienced driver's taken for a spin (5).

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MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Bahrain	19	66	s	Miami*	22	72	f
Bangkok	33	91	s	Milan	8	46	s
Barbados*	28	82	s	Montreal*	-13	9	s
Barcelna	11	52	s	Moscow	-6	21	sn
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Belgrade	-2	28	c	Naples	9	48	s
Berlin	1	34	s	N Delhi	18	64	r
Bermuda*	15	59	c	N York*	-5	23	s
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Budapst	2	36	f	Peking	7	45	s
B Aires*	27	81	s	Perth	28	82	s
Cairo	21	70	f	Prague	-1	30	f
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	c
Chicago*	18	1	f	Rhodes	13	55	f
Ch'church	25	77	s	Rio de J	27	81	r
Cologne	4	39	f	Riyadh	22	72	s
C'phagn	2	36	f	Rome	10	50	s
Corfu	6	43	c	Salzburg	1	34	f
Dublin	3	37	c	S F'isco*	9	48	f
Dubrovnik	6	43	f	Santiago*	25	77	s
Faro	17	63	s	Seoul	3	37	s
Florence	9	48	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfurt	0	32	c	St'holm	-1	30	c
Funchal	17	63	c	Strasb'rg	4	39	s
Geneva	1	34	s	Sydney	31	88	s
Gibraltar	14	57	s	Tangier	14	57	f
Helsinki	-3	27	s	Tel Aviv	19	66	d
Hong K	19	66	f	Tenerife	20	68	s
Innsbruck	1	34	s	Tokyo	11	52	s
Istanbul	2	36	f	Toronto*	-7	19	s
Jeddah	31	88	s	Tunis	12	54	f
Jo'burg*	22	72	f	Valencia	11	52	s
L Palmas	19	68	f	Vanc'ver*	2	36	s
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Lisbon	13	55	c	Vienna	1	34	c
London	4	39	r	Warsaw	-2	28	c
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Luxembg	-1	30	fg	Wel'mton	20	68	c
Luxor	31	88	s	Zurich	0	32	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.37 pm to 6.48 am
Bristol 5.47 pm to 7.00 am
Edinburgh 5.43 pm to 7.07 am
Manchester 5.43 pm to 6.59 am
Penzance 6.01 pm to 7.08 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 6.50 am | Sun sets: 5.37 pm
Moon rises 8.30 am | Moon sets 12.27 pm

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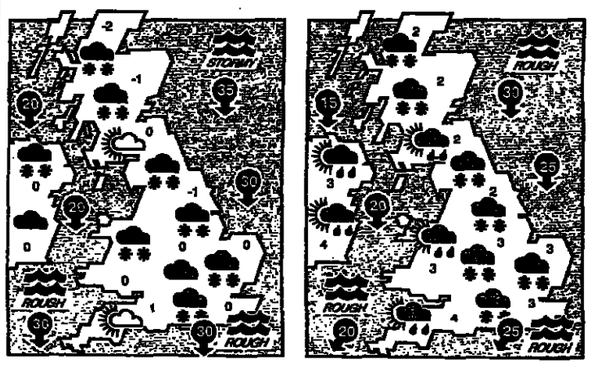
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TOMORROW

Sun rises: 6.48 am | Sun sets: 5.39 pm
Moon rises 12.27 am | Moon sets 9.02 am

First quarter tomorrow

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.09	8	46	rain
Anglesey	-	0.37	8	46	rain
Aviemore	0.1	0.25	8	46	rain
Belfast	0.9	0.19	10	50	shower
Birmingham	0.5	0.07	7	45	rain
Bognor Regis	0.2	0.02	8	46	rain
Bournemouth	0.9	0.07	8	46	rain
Bristol	0.4	0.08	8	46	rain
Buxton	0.2	0.27	5	41	rain
Cardiff	-	0.44	8	46	rain
Clacton	0.2	-	8	46	cloudy
Cromer	4.9	-	9	48	bright
Douglas	-	0.42	9	48	rain
Edinburgh	0.4	0.01	9	48	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	0.54	7	45	rain
Exmouth	-	0.07	8	46	rain
Falmouth	-	0.58	9	48	rain
Folkestone	1.2	-	8	46	cloudy
Glasgow	1.0	0.25	11	52	rain
Guernsey	3.9	0.09	8	46	sunny
Hastings	0.4	-	8	46	cloudy
Hunstanton	4.1	-	9	48	sunny
Jersey	2.6	0.03	8	46	rain
Kinloss	-	0.15	10	50	rain
Leeds	0.1	-	8	46	cloudy
Lerwick	-	0.24	7	45	rain
Littlehampton	0.2	-	8	46	cloudy
Liverpool	-	0.26	6	43	rain
London	2.0	0.01	9	48	bright
Lowestoft	2.5	-	8	46	bright
Manchester	-	0.17	7	45	rain
Margate	X	-	9	48	bright
Minehead	-	0.15	8	46	rain
Morecambe	-	0.40	6	43	rain
Newcastle	0.1	0.02	8	46	rain
Nottingham	1.0	0.06	8	46	rain
Penzance	-	0.48	10	50	rain
Plymouth	-	0.59	8	46	rain
Poole	-	0.11	9	48	rain
Prestwick	-	0.20	9	48	rain
Saunton Snd	-	0.13	9	48	cloudy
Scarborough	2.4	-	7	45	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	0.21	9	48	gale
Shanklin	0.9	0.03	8	46	rain
Southend	1.3	-	8	46	cloudy
Southsea	0.3	0.02	8	46	rain
Stornoway	0.1	0.35	8	46	rain
Swansea	0.2	0.09	9	48	rain
Teignmouth	-	0.10	8	46	rain
Tenby	-	0.32	10	50	rain
Tiree	-	0.28	8	46	rain
Torquay	-	0.21	7	45	shower
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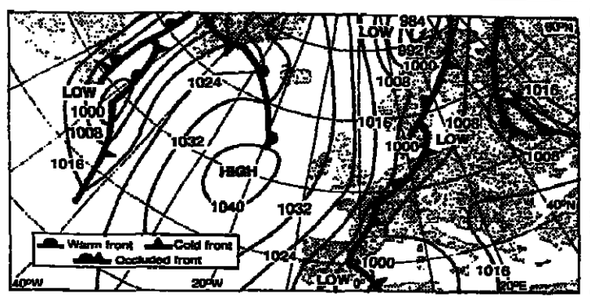
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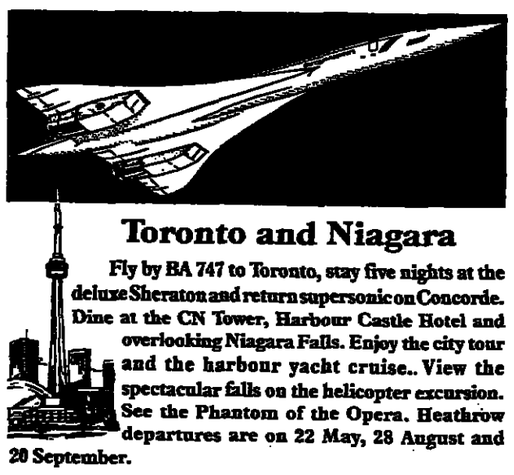
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.145	1.945
Austria Sch	17.50	16.00
Belgium Fr	51.30	46.80
Canada $	1.903	1.743
Denmark Kr	9.80	8.80
Finland Mkk	9.14	8.34
France Fr	8.43	7.73
Germany Dm	2.48	2.28
Greece Dr	338.00	313.00
Hong Kong $	11.65	10.65
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Italy Lire	2370.00	2205.00
Japan Yen	185.00	169.00
Netherlands Gld	2.782	2.582
Norway Kr	10.56	9.76
Portugal Esc	226.00	206.00
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.60
Spain Pta	173.50	160.50
Sweden Kr	11.69	10.89
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.11
Turkey Lira	13900.0	12900.0
USA $	1.515	1.39

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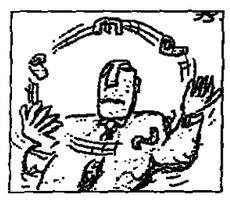
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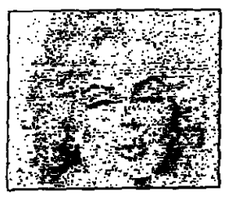
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US $	1.4205 (-0.0112)
German mark	2.3346 (-0.0041)
Exchange index	76.0 (-0.3)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2868.0 (+39.3)
Dow Jones	3362.17 (-2.97)*
Nikkei Avge	16953.35 (+45.96)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6⅞-6⅝%
US Federal Funds	3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.94-2.92%*
Long Bond	6.89%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4230*	£:$ 1.4210
$:DM 1.6415*	£:DM 2.3354
$:SWfr 1.5258*	£:SWfr 2.1677
$:Ffr 5.5790*	£:Ffr 7.9185
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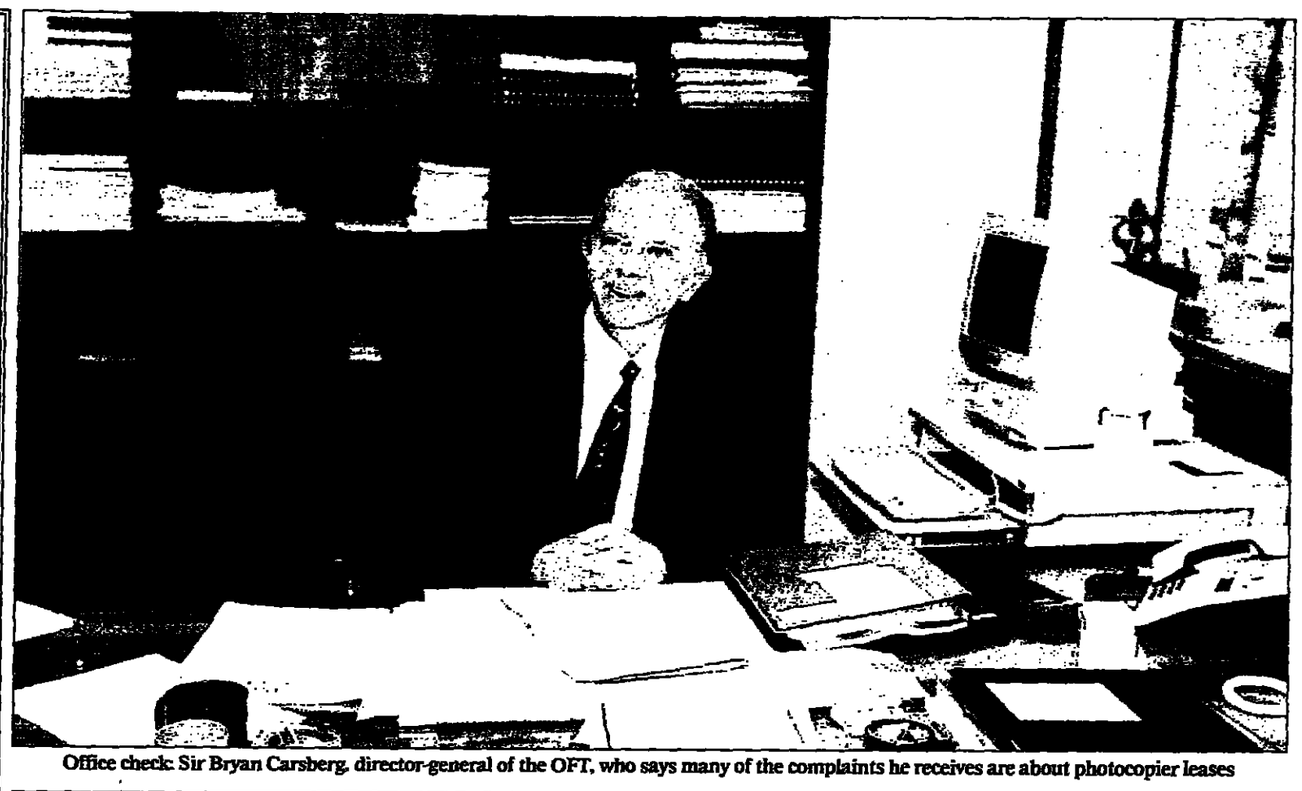
GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 328.75 ..... PM 327.60
Close 328.30-328.70
New York:
Comex 329.05-329.55*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 137.9 January (1.7%)

* Denotes midday trading price



Office check: Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of the OFT, who says many of the complaints he receives are about photocopier leases

OFT to look into supply of office equipment

By Carl Mortished

THE Office of Fair Trading has launched an enquiry into the supply of office equipment after continued complaints by customers over alleged misrepresentation and sharp practice in the leasing of photocopier equipment.

The OFT has received more than 300 complaints from aggrieved customers of office equipment leasing companies over the past two years.

The announcement comes after a request by the Campaign to Clean up Copier Contracts to investigate Southern Business Group, which has admitted that several former salesmen falsified information in order to increase bills to customers. The salesmen were dismissed and a director of the company resigned last week after fresh allegations were made.

The OFT enquiry will cover the entire industry. Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of the OFT, said that most complaints are about photocopier leases. However, he has noticed a number arising on postal franking machines and drinks vending machines.

The enquiry will focus on sales methods, leasing agreements, in particular the practice of charging clients on a cost per copy basis, as well as the relationship between suppliers of equipment and the finance companies, which are the titular lessors of the equipment.

Roger Limpenny, finance director of Southern Business Group, said he was delighted by the announcement of the enquiry. "It gives us a wonderful opportunity to explain our case. At the end of it, we will come out shining" he said.

He said the company saw no reason to change the way it conducted business. SBG was one of the first companies to charge customers per copy, with a minimum number agreed in advance. The practice has been criticised by the campaign, which says that salesmen do not explain the terms fully nor do they inform customers of the cost of cancelling the agreement.

Paul Winner, who heads the campaign, which claims the support of 108 MPs, MEPs and peers, said that there were about 150,000 cost per copy contracts in existence, with an annual turnover of £1.2 billion, increasing at 15 per cent a year.

According to Mr Winner, customers are rarely aware that the contract they sign may be with an undisclosed third party: a finance leasing company, often a subsidiary of a major bank, which has title to the photocopier.

If the customer believes he has been misled and refuses to pay, he may find himself in dispute with the bank rather than the rental company. The bank may then claim under the terms of the lease and may refuse to take responsibility for the salesman's representations.

The OFT is also considering whether the protection afforded under the Consumer Credit Act 1974 is sufficient and whether better self regulation is needed in the industry.

In 1991, the OFT investigated the photocopier leasing practices of Eurocopy and threatened to revoke its consumer credit licences. The company gave assurances that management changes had been made and that agreements had been redrawn to ensure that they were clear.

Eurocopy said yesterday that it welcomed the OFT enquiry.

G7 finance chiefs seek agenda for world growth

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

FINANCE ministers of the Group of Seven industrialised nations meet in London today to try to rebuild the group as a force for economic co-operation to bolster faltering world growth.

The unscheduled informal meeting aims to prepare for possible joint measures to be agreed at April's formal meeting in Washington and to "get to know" Lloyd Bentsen, the new US Treasury secretary, and Yoshiro Hayashi, the new Japanese finance minister. Mr Bentsen is particularly keen to restart policy co-ordination.

British Treasury officials confirmed that Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer and host of the meeting, will hold a bilateral meeting with Mr Bentsen before formal proceedings begin and may meet Mr Hayashi later. The G7 is not expected to issue a formal communiqué but Mr Lamont will hold a press conference this afternoon.

On the eve of the meeting, President Clinton said co-ordination was essential to sustained growth in the US. "The world cannot grow if America is in recession. But it will be difficult for us to grow ... unless we can spark a renewed round of growth in Europe and Japan."

The currency markets were dominated this week by speculation about a desire within the G7 to engineer an appreciation of the yen to bolster Japanese growth and cut its huge trade surplus with the rest of the world. Mr Bentsen provoked a dramatic yen rally when he remarked a week ago he would like to see an appreciation of the yen.

US Treasury officials have sought to soften the impact of that statement amid discomfort among Japanese officials at the swiftness of the yen's rise. An official said Mr Bentsen had explicitly rejected a strategy of driving down the dollar. America will be pushing for some action from Japan, which is expected to outline possible plans for an additional fiscal boost. Mr Hayashi said this meeting was not aiming to reach formal agreements on currencies.

The G7 is also likely to push the Bundesbank to cut German interest rates again, a prerequisite to avoiding general recession in Europe. The mark softened yesterday within the exchange-rate mechanism, alleviating tensions that arose on news that German banking employees had settled a wage deal of 3.3 per cent, against inflation of about 4 per cent. This prompted speculation that the Bundesbank could cut interest rates at next week's council meeting.

However, the central bank is just as likely to wait until its March 18 meeting to keep the pressure on the government, unions and employers to agree a solidarity pact, which still seems some way off.

Hans Tietmeyer, vice-president of the Bundesbank, said last week that although inflationary pressures were easing, it was still important to maintain a tough stance against inflation.

The dollar recovered some ground, closing at DM1.6430 in London against its previous New York close of DM1.6345, and at Y118.10 from Y117.40. Sterling remained vulnerable but steady, closing at 76.0 on its trade-weighted index compared with 76.3 on Thursday. It ended a touch lower at DM2.3346 and more than a cent lower at $1.4205.

Severn bids for Worcester Water

By Colin Campbell

SEVERN Trent, the Midlands water and sewerage group, has made a recommended £33.1 million cash takeover for East Worcester Water, a small water supplier in its area controlled by Biwater, a privately owned contracting group that owns two other water companies. The bid, conducted through Severn Trent's regulated water subsidiary, has been blessed by Ofwat, the industry's financial regulator.

Seven Trent is offering £24.32 cash for each ordinary East Worcester share, which are thinly traded — Biwater owns all but 2 per cent — and were last quoted at 475p.

The two companies and Ofwat say there will be benefits to East Worcester's customers and effective cost savings. Their average annual bill for water services is £100. Severn Trent's is £67.

The two price structures will be brought into line by April 1 1996, under a mechanism whereby East Worcester's customers should see a smaller increase in their average bill than might have been expected. The companies calculate a saving of about £18 over the next two years for East Worcester customers. There will be no impact on the charges paid by Severn Trent's customers.

East Worcester supplies 100,000 customers south of Birmingham. Severn Trent supplies water to 2.9 million customers, or 8 million people, and sewerage services to 3.3 million customers, including 100,000 water supply customers of East Worcester.

Both boards believe that cost savings can be achieved through economies of scale and elimination of duplicate costs. Severn Trent Water employs 7,000 and East Worcester 120 people.

Alan Booker, Ofwat's deputy director general, who once managed East Worcester, noted that this was the first move by a water and sewerage group to acquire a smaller water-only company. However, he made it clear that Ofwat would be concerned if the deal were to set a precedent for the acquisition of other small companies, because the regulator wants to be able to compare performance of as many companies as possible.

There are several other instances, notably in the Thames and Southern Water areas, where small independents have notably higher charges than the surrounding privatised water and sewage group.

Net assets of East Worcester are £16 million, and thus fall short of the £30 million threshold at which compulsory reference to the MMC is triggered.

Severn will pay for the acquisition out of current group net cash holdings of £150 million. It does not expect the deal to dilute earnings in the first year.

Germans passionate on banana issue

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

THE threat of seeing the low-priced, king-sized banana from Latin America replaced in German shops by the smaller, dearer fruit from tropical territories, former and current, of Britain, France and Spain, has aroused passions in Germany that defy belief.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet is expected to decide next week to take the banana issue to the European Court of Justice. Neighbouring Belgium is considering similar action.

Germany and the Benelux countries were outvoted by their Community partners in mid-February over the question. Under arrangements approved by the Community, high-cost producers in the Caribbean and Africa will be protected from the more competitive Latin American fruit.



The economics ministry in Bonn said yesterday that final work on the question was in progress, but that a decision on court action would have to go before cabinet, which meets on Thursday. The Community plans to impose a limit of 2 million tonnes a year and discriminatory tariffs on Latin American bananas, a move Bonn regards as anti-consumer, in violation of international trade rules and a punishment for the most efficient growers.

Germany, the biggest banana-eater in Europe, has long been attached to the bumper-sized Latin American fruit. The European Commission believes Bonn has no chance of obtaining a ruling against the new regime.

German claims that reducing Latin American banana imports will increase drug traffic, or even unleash civil war, in some producer countries, have been rubbished by Brussels officials.

But it would be dangerous to underestimate the importance of the big banana to the Germans. Konrad Adenauer, the legendary post-war Chancellor, did not. To ensure a special protocol in defence of the Germans' right to bananas of their choice, Herr Adenauer held up the signing of the Treaty of Rome for three days.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Sir Denys Henderson**

Pathfinder with right chemistry to change the face of an industry

The chairman of ICI tells **George Sivell** of his hopes for demerger



Man of vision: Sir Denys Henderson says he has never believed in change just for the sake of change

Yesterday, Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman of ICI, sat back in his office overlooking the Thames and reflected on the decision this week to press ahead with the demerger of ICI's life science business, one of the largest corporate upheavals Europe has ever witnessed.

His thoughts lay, however, with the 9,000 workers who would leave his company over the next three years. About 1,000 of these will go with disposals, and half of the remainder are outside Britain.

He felt that compared with the 21,000 workers who had left the company in the previous rationalisation two years ago, the press had made too much of this week's restructuring. "We do go to a lot of trouble," he said, "to give workers in the affected parts of ICI as long a warning as possible of what is intended."

Sir Denys's awareness of the media is a mark of how much the ICI chairman's role has changed. "Maurice Hodgson, a former chairman of ICI, told me that the role of chairman had changed a lot. He said you have a different role to the one I had. Contact with the City and media is much greater." Sir Denys adds that ICI is much closer to its institutional shareholders than it was.

What kind of man is it who decides to initiate the splitting up of a company widely regarded as Britain's largest manufacturing concern and a bellwether of the country's economic health? The answer is surprisingly modest. Sir Denys is a keen family man spending as much time with his wife of 36 years, two daughters and four grandchildren, as the job allows. He will, however, celebrate his next wedding anniversary collecting a gold medal from the Society of Chemical Industry.

As befits a prudent Aberdonian lawyer, he has few luxuries in life. "Yachts and racehorses are not my scene," he says convincingly. The only luxury appears to be a small indoor swimming pool at home, in which he exercises at 5.45 am before going to work. He points out, with a typical degree of modesty, that he has lived in the same house for 17 years. Such a stable family life and feet-on-the-ground lifestyle has proved an ideal background for shaking the traditions at ICI.

The City thought that when Sir Denys took over as chairman, albeit the youngest at 54, he would find it difficult to live up to Sir John Harvey-Jones's unkempt hairstyle, floral ties and high media profile.

Choosing a younger man for the job was a deliberate act of policy by ICI. Previous, older chairmen, had suffered from having perhaps only three or four years in office, of which the first involved finding out what the job was really all about. His five-year term was also extended in 1991, to after the 1995 annual meeting, when he will be 62.

Rather like ICI's extensive research and development programme, described by one executive as the base off which the company regenerates, the company is now reaping the benefits of its decision.

Like Sir John, Sir Denys selected a theme for his chairmanship. Sir John's was cost competitiveness, Sir Denys opted for sharpening marketing skills, introducing a chairman's award for market focus. He modestly declares: "The chairman has less influence than people think but more than he understands."

He sees the demerger as a logical extension of the need to address markets more closely: "I have never believed in change just for the sake of change, but I have a Presbyterian sense of duty which says 'If you genuinely believe it is the right thing for the company — and I most certainly do — then you have to do it; even though you know you will have to face up to considerable personal criticism which is often quite painful'. Believe me, I am not by nature a masochist ... I believe that this is a visionary plan, a bold strategy, which seeks to look far ahead in a way that the rest of the chemical industry may well follow in due course. We hope to be pathfinders, as ICI has so often been in its previous 66 years of existence."

At first, a view of the future appeared to have eluded Sir Denys. In 1989, he said: "I see no return to the dark days of recession. Indeed I am optimistic for the decade as a whole." His view changed by 1990, and in the annual report of that year he conceded: "When I suggested that I saw no return to the dark days of the recession I was clearly wrong."

Cynics say that ICI thought up the demerger after it was suggested by Lord Hanson, who took a 3 per cent stake in share raid during May 1991.

Sir Denys refutes such suggestions, pointing out firmly that the demerger was the result of work that began in ICI's headquarters during the autumn of 1990. Sir Denys says there were "never any proposals laid on the table", adding that there appeared to be "an enormous amount of spin factoring" going on at the time. The Hanson episode ended with the stake being sold in May 1992.

As the demerger was announced, Lord Hanson was quoted in *The Times* of July 31, 1992, from his Palm Springs, California, home: "ICI are doing an asset-stripping job on themselves. A year ago they insisted it would not work ... was not necessary. Now we appear to have been right to have suggested it to them. Although we repeatedly said we never had any bid intentions, we had hoped that as ICI's biggest shareholder some of our expertise would have been welcomed. It seems that they now admit they needed our help."

When Sir Denys retires, it seems he will pursue his educational leanings. "I am not the oil painting and tapestry type" he says. He is already chairman of the Henley Management College, and will be installed next month as the chancellor of Bath University. This appeals to Sir Denys. "It is more than just a ritual of batting graduates over the head," he adds, relishing the prospect of becoming involved in a relatively young, lively university, noted for its business involvement.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Alexanders passes final payout after losses

ALEXANDERS Holdings, the car sales and leasing group, slid into the red on tough trading conditions, combined with a decision to clear the decks with one-off vehicle, stock and property provisions and restructuring costs. Scotland's largest Ford main dealer slid to a pre-tax loss of £998,000 in the year to end-September, against a restated profit of £405,000 last time. Turnover climbed to £89 million from £85.4 million last time.

Mrs Aleksandra Clayton, chairman, reiterated that the group must be put on a "sound footing" and stressed her satisfaction that the new management team had achieved that objective. The company is not paying a final dividend after a single payout of 1p a share last year. There was an extraordinary credit of £440,000 and a loss of 2.15p a share, against restated earnings of 0.65p.

Herring rescue mission

HERRING Baker Harris, the quoted surveyor, is sending Peter Farrington, chief executive, to New York to sort out the firm's loss-making US business. Herring acquired offices in Los Angeles, Denver and New York when it took over Baker Harris Saunders last year. The Los Angeles business, described by Nick Owen, Herring chairman, as a high-risk, sales-driven operation, was the cause of the losses. It is to be sold to Nicholas Costa, its president, for about £250,000.

Arcadian cuts losses

ARCADIAN International, the hotel and leisure property developer, reduced its pre-tax loss from £600,000 to £300,000 in the six months to October. No property sales were made in the period and turnover, mainly management fees, fell to £200,000 from £2.4 million last time. Robert Breare, chief executive of Arcadian, said that Le Manoir de Gressy, the company's 92-room hotel development in Paris was due for completion in September.

IMC Industries falls

IMC Industries, the USM-quoted Alpine Soft Drinks to Skyview in-flight entertainment system and video tapes group, saw pre-tax profits dip to £202,000 (£301,000) in the six months to end-October. Turnover, boosted by a full contribution from Alpine and the new National Geographic licence, rose to £2.97 million, compared with £1.02 million last time. Earnings slip to 0.09p (0.13p) a share and again, there is no interim dividend.

Isotron lifts payout

ISOTRON, the specialist sterilisation company, is raising its interim dividend to 1.51p (1.37p) a share after reporting pre-tax profits up 12.7 per cent to £1.44 million in the six months to end-December. Trading continued to improve, helping turnover climb 9.7 per cent to £3.45 million. Earnings rose to 7.8p (6.9p) a share. Isotron said further progress was being made in all markets and prospects for the full year were encouraging.

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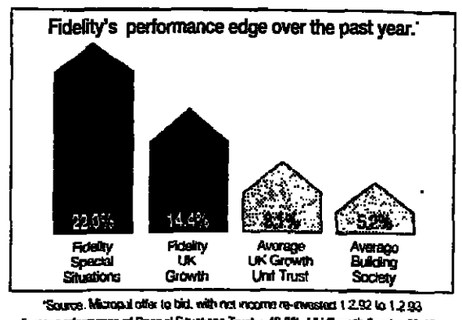
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BhS changes work practices with loss of 1,000 jobs

By Patricia Tehan

■ Full-time jobs are being replaced by part-time work as retailers attack costs in the battle for survival on the high street, with higher basic pay offered as a recompense

BHS, the high street retailing group, is to shed 1,000 jobs, with the announcement yesterday of sweeping changes to working practices.

More than 3,000 jobs will be affected by the changes in the 136 BhS stores across the country. The company told staff that 2,300 weekend jobs and 800 full-time jobs would go, but 2,000 jobs of between 12 and 20 hours a week would be created.

BhS said the restructuring would cost about £2 million, but the company expected to recover that with cost-savings in the first year. Thereafter, BhS estimates the savings at just over £2 million a year.

The restructuring is part of a growing trend among high street stores to shed full-time staff in favour of part-time workers.

BhS, part of the Storehouse group, said it was changing practices and the number of staff because it wanted to ensure well-trained staff were available to provide better service at peak shopping times, particularly Saturdays.

Steve Bedford, group development director for Storehouse and BhS human resources director, said: "Shopping habits change and so does the nature of the labour market."

Mr Bedford said the changes "will enable us to provide the customer with the level of service she deserves at the times she needs it. We regret having to make redundancies, especially in current conditions, but I hope many of our staff will want to take up the new jobs we are creating."

He said the store had already restructured its head office, store management and regional organisation, cutting out unnecessary bureaucracy and red tape.

The company employs 3,000 full-time staff, 3,000 part-timers and 6,000 weekend workers. The move will cut BhS's staff to 11,000.

Mr Bedford said BhS was imitating its competitors, which employ more part-time staff and have permanent staff working on Saturdays. He said BhS employed one full-time worker for every part-timer, compared with a retail industry average ratio of between one-to-two and one-to-three.

After the restructuring, due in May after consultation with employees, fewer staff will work a 39-hour week or Saturdays only and more will work between 12 and 20 hours a week. Everyone working more than 12 hours will work one Saturday in two, in line with standard retail industry practice, BhS said.

Staff working more than 12 hours a week will join the work-based National Vocational Qualification training scheme "to establish industry-recognised competence standards". Basic pay will be increased and staff will be paid extra for NVQ qualifications. The company said it hopes to reduce the number of redundancies with the offer of alternative part-time jobs for those able to meet NVQ competence standards.

BhS said another 340 jobs would go with the transfer of its cleaning and security functions to specialist contractors. Mr Bedford said many employees would be offered jobs with these organisations, though some redundancies were expected.

Garfield Davies, general secretary of Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, said the announcement was another grim reminder of the slump facing Britain. "Official unemployment has topped 3 million, jobs are disappearing in service and manufacturing industries and output continues to fall."

☐ A £100 million Kimberly-Clark manufacturing plant, employing 700 workers at Barton-upon-Humber on Humberside, was opened yesterday. Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, said the plant could create 2,000 jobs among UK suppliers.

He said the plant was the biggest new US manufacturing development to come to Britain for several years.



Taking comfort in Thomas Cook deal: Howard Klein, the chairman of Owners Abroad, which is fighting a £225 million bid from Airtours

US buyers lift sales at Mallett

By Jon Ashworth

AMERICANS are buying antique furniture again. The weaker pound has encouraged an upturn in sales at Mallett, the English furniture dealer based in New Bond Street, central London. But speculation that the company may itself be under scrutiny by a buyer appears to be unfounded.

Talk of a potential bid surfaced just before Christmas when Asprey, the jeweller and silversmith, took a 6.8 per cent stake. Two weeks ago, Mallett said the talks had ended, without identifying the interested party. It has since dismissed suggestions that Newel Art Galleries, of New York, is interested in bidding, as "a complete red herring".

A late rise in furniture sales helped Mallett recover from a first-half loss to an operating profit of £802,000 (£537,000) in the year to end-December. The £108,000 cost of closing a showroom, coupled with the absence of a £660,000 exceptional gain last time, left pre-tax profits halved at £519,000 (£1.1 million).

There is a single year's dividend of 2p (3p).

BCCI accountants face more writs

By Our City Staff

TOUCHE Ross, liquidator of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, is to serve further writs for damages against Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young, the bank's accountancy firms.

Touche Ross confirmed that the liquidators are claiming damages from PW and Ernst & Whinney, the predecessor of the merged E&Y, for negligence for the audits of BCCI in 1986, and against PW for the year 1987.

BCCI was closed by the Bank of England in July 1991, after it discovered evidence of a huge fraud. A spokeswoman for E&Y said the writ had not yet been served, but confirmed the firm is still contesting an earlier writ, issued in the High Court last March, alleging negligence in 1985 and 1986.



Morris: seeking damages

Christopher Morris, the liquidator, is understood to be seeking total damages of about $8 billion from the two accounting firms. PW and E&Y both acted as auditors to the BCCI group of companies until 1987, when PW then took sole responsibility for auditing BCCI's businesses.

BCCI's majority shareholder, the Abu Dhabi authorities, is understood to have co-operated with the liquidator in issuing the writs. The claims against the accounting firms will be passed across to the majority shareholder once a scheme of arrangement agreed between the Abu Dhabi authorities and Touche to repay creditors up to 40p in the pound has been signed.

A spokesman for the Abu Dhabi authorities said: "We are pleased to be co-operating with the liquidator in order to issue claims for audit negligence against the auditors."

Owners to fight bid with 5p dividend

By Sarah Bagnall

OWNERS Abroad, the travel company fighting an unwelcome £225 million bid from rival Airtours, has told shareholders it intends to raise dividends by 43 per cent, making a total 5p for the year.

The shares of both companies remained unchanged on the news, released in Owners' final defence document, against a 39.3 point rise in the FT-SE 100 index.

Airtours said the document added "little new financial information of significance to Owners Abroad's weak defence". Sentiment reflected this, with analysts saying the next key development was likely to be a higher offer. Any rise is expected to be limited to 15p, 13 per cent higher than the present offer price of 115p.

Analysts expressed surprise at the size of the dividend increase. A rise of about 10 per cent had been expected.

Hamish Dickson at Hoare Govett, the broker, said: "To say 5p now smacks of desperation. It is not a level that in my view would have been paid if not for the current situation."

A 5p payout would reduce dividend cover from last year's 2.3 times to about two times, based on profit forecasts of £35 million for 1993. Profits in 1992 were £25 million.

Howard Klein, chairman, said the proposed increase "demonstrates the level of comfort we have in both the Thomas Cook deal and our current trading".

The document also revealed increased estimates for the benefits arising from its proposed link with Thomas Cook. However, Owners did not give an interim or full-year profit forecast, partly because of the seasonality of its business, which could be misleading.

The minimum gain in operating profits from the Thomas Cook link-up will be £9 million and £11 million in 1994 and 1995 respectively, states the document. This compares with December's estimates of £7 million and £8 million.

Mr Klein said the merged group would have to make savings of at least £22.3 million and £27.3 million in the two years for Owners' shareholders to derive the same benefit. This is because Owners' shareholders will own 40 per cent of the enlarged group. The company raised doubts over the enlarged group's ability to achieve these cost savings within the same time, given the lag before cost-cutting feeds through to savings.

Treasurers want more details put in report and accounts

By Our Financial Staff

IN A step aimed at ending foreign exchange disasters, the Association of Corporate Treasurers is calling for companies' annual reports and accounts to disclose significantly more detail about their treasury management activities.

The move comes after pressure from institutional shareholders for companies to step up disclosure to reduce uncertainty and aid their investment decisions.

At a conference last year, Hugh Jenkins, managing director at Prudential Portfolio Managers, said that disclosure in the area of corporate treasury departments was inadequate and that shareholders were uneasy "about the potential for losses to arise from an undisciplined treasury activity".

The ACT's exposure draft proposes that annual reports should reveal a company's policy on managing its treasury-related exposures and how management controls it.

The accounts should show a clear picture of a company's exposure to different currencies, the assets in each currency and the hedging transactions undertaken. This would enable investors to see what a company's unhedged net exposure to a currency was. A similar treatment is put forward for foreign currency exposures on transactions and translations into sterling on a group's profits.

Details on interest rate and liquidity management are also proposed.

Some of the proposals are expected to be picked up by the ASB's Operating and Financial Review, which acts as a statement of best practice for companies on a wide range of issues, including treasury management.

The proposals are expected to gain support among companies, although they are not mandatory. Derek Ross, vice-chairman of the ACT, said comments on the proposals are invited by the end of April.

Woolwich raises Euro cash

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

THE Woolwich Building Society yesterday raised £100 million through a subordinated eurosterling issue, handled by Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Baring Brothers. It is its largest bond issue and marks its return to the sterling fixed interest rate market.

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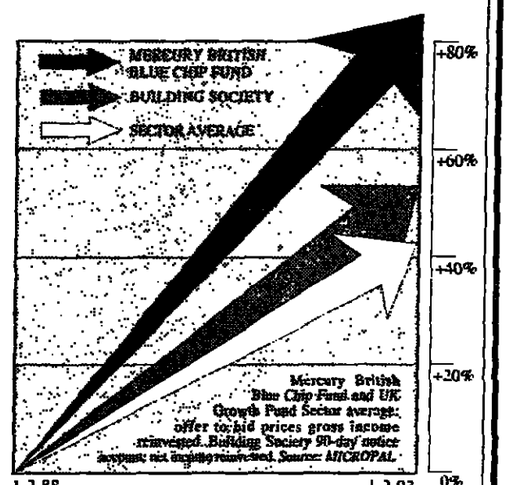
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Union Bank raises dividend

Union Bank of Switzerland, parent of UBS Phillips & Drew, the City broker, reported a 15.8 per cent rise in the group's pre-tax profit for 1992, raised its dividend and announced the creation of extra share capital.

The results, reported in Zurich, showed pre-tax profit at SFr 1.92 billion (£586 million). The dividend on bearer shares will be raised from from SFr 27 to SFr 29, and on registered shares from SFr5.40 to SFr5.80.

Record receipts

The North of England Building Society said gross receipts from investors reached a record £707.32 million. Net advances increased 12.16 per cent to £181.79 million and pre-tax profits rose to £16.66 million (£15.43 million).

Pubs are sold

Mansfield Brewery, the Yorkshire and East Midlands beer maker, is paying Scottish & Newcastle £2.2 million for 11 public houses.

Gabicci in talks

Gabicci said that it was in talks that might lead to a takeover offer for the company.

STOCK MARKET

Hopes of rate cut lift shares

PERSISTENT hopes of another cut in bank base rates squeezed share prices to within a whisker of a best-ever closing high as the two-week trading account closed.

The FT-SE 100 index ended at its best of the day with a rise of 39.3 points at 2,868.0, bringing it to within fewer than six points of another new peak. The previous best, of 2,873.8, was achieved on February 3. The rise on the trading account was 25 points.

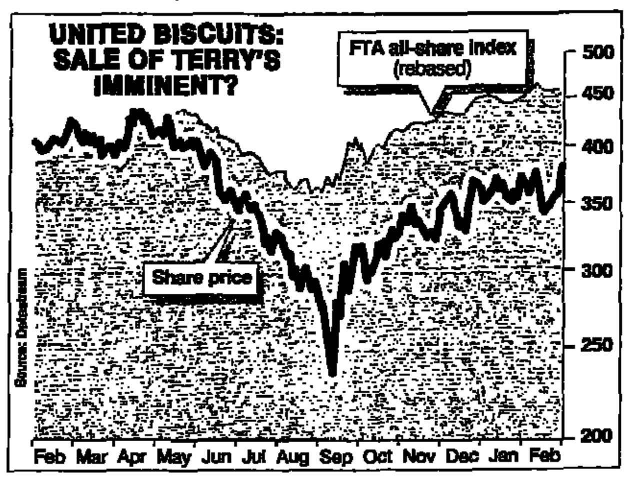
Most of yesterday's activity centred on the futures market. Trading in the cash market was described as thin, with 671 million shares traded as investors squared their books. Brokers reported heavy support for the March and June series of futures, with fund managers and brokers pinning their hopes on another cut in interest rates about the time of the Budget. Trading in the future enables them to hedge their positions, but also created a squeeze in the cash market as traders attempted to cover short positions. Claims that Smith New Court had struggled to cover a few oustanding positions created by its £100 million mixed programme trade, carried out earlier this week, also added to the squeeze.



Clarke: in talks

Investors remain reluctant to sell the equity market, and this has only added to marketmakers problems. Speculators are convinced that a major bid is bubbling under the surface.

ICI continued to respond favourably to the proposed demerger of Zeneca, the maintained dividend and the £1.3 billion rights issue. Brokers say these proposals have offset anxiety generated by the heavy write-offs, job losses and fall in profitability. The shares ended the session another 55½p higher at £12.08, for a two-day gain of £1.26. Brokers reported demand from investors on both sides of the Atlantic. BZW was believed to be a big buyer of the shares.



United Biscuits, the McVitie and Crawfords' food group, jumped 12p to 379p amid mounting speculation that the group is near to finalising the disposal of its Terry's chocolates business. Earlier this week Robert Clarke, chairman, announced that the group was in talks about a possible sale of the business, which analysts said might fetch about £200 million. On Wednesday, UB paid £24 million for Derwent Valley Foods, the Phileas Fogg snacks group from Consett, County Durham.

Severn Trent Water hit the acquisition trail, paying £33.1 million for East Worcester Water as part of an agreed deal. East Worcester already operates within Severn Trent's sewerage boundaries, supplying water to 100,000 customers.

Owners Abroad was unchanged at 131p after promising shareholders a 43 per cent rise in the dividend as part of its defence against the unwanted £230 million offer from **Airtours**, steady at 306p. The dividend will be increased from 3.5p to 5p and the group promised significant benefits from the Thomas Cook and LTU link.

BICC remains a nervous market before full-year figures next week. The shares were hit by reports that Cazenove, the company's broker, had downgraded profits. Other brokers fear the trading statement accompanying the figures will be gloomy.

Fisons, due to report next week, also slipped 3p to 221p before figures next week. Punters have been left nursing heavy losses over this account.

Inchcape, the international trading group, which earlier this week disposed of its Singapore timber business, breached the 600p mark for the first time, climbing 7p to 605p. Full-year figures are due next month.

Bass firmed 3p to 577p after announcing plans to raise $300 million to repay dollar-denominated borrowings.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

Dow slips in early trade

New York — The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.62 points at 3,363.52 in late morning trading.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended slightly firmer after dull trade before the weekend meeting of the Group of Seven finance ministers. The Nikkei average ended 45.96 points up at 16,953.35.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index ended 148.11 points higher at 6,351.99.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax 30 index finished 25.44 points higher at 1,684.35

(Reuter)

	Feb 26 midday	Feb 25 close
AMP Inc	56	56
AMR Corp	60	60
Abbott Labs	26	26
Aetna Life	46	48
Ahmanson (HF)	20	21
Air Prod & Chem	44	44
Albertson's	50	50
Alcan Alumnm	19	19
Alco Standard	41	42
Allied Signal	67	66
Alum Co of Am	69	70
Amax	18	18
Amerada Hess	51	51
Amer Brands	34	34
Amer Cyanamid	48	49
Amer El Power	36	36
Amer Express	24	24
Amer Genl Corp	58	58
Amer Home Pr	60	59
Amer Intl	121	120
Amer Stores	37	37
Amer T & T	56	56
Ameritech	75	75
Amoco	56	55
Anheuser-Busch	54	54
Apple Computer	53	54
Archer Daniels	26	26
Arkla	8	8
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	32	32
Asarco	25	25
Ashland Oil	27	27
Atl Richfield	118	117
Auto Data Pro	54	54
Avery Dennison	25	25
Avon Products	59	59
Baker Hughes	23	22
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	52	51
BankAmerica	53	53
Bank of NY	55	55
Bankers Tr NY	67	67
Barnett Banks	46	45
Bausch & Lomb	51	51
Baxter Intl	29	28
Bectn Dicknsn	71	71
Bell Atlantic	55	55
BellSouth	56	56
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	42	42
Boeing	34	34
Boise Cascade	23	24
Borden Inc	25	25
Bristol Myrs Sq	56	57
Browning Ferris	26	27
Burlington Nthn	47	47
CBS	199	199
CNA Financial	93	94
CPC Intl	47	47
CSX	72	73
Campbell Soup	42	42
Can Pacific	13	13
Cptl Cities ABC	491	492
Cptl Holdings	76	75
Carolina Pwr	31	31
Caterpillar	57	56
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	30	30
Chase Manhat	31	31
Chemical Bk	41	41
Chevron Corp	77	77
Chrysler	39	38
Chubb Corp	91	90
Cigna Corp	61	61
Citicorp	26	26
Clorox	46	46
Coastal Corp	25	25
Coca Cola	41	42
Colgate-Palmolive	62	61
Columbia Gas	22	23
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	45	46
Comp Ass Intl	25	25
Conagra	27	28
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	46	46
Cons Rail	58	55
Cooper Inds	50	50
Corning Inc	33	32
Crown Cork	37	37
Dana Corp	45	45
Dayton Hudson	77	78
Deere	52	51
Delta Air Lines	49	50
Deluxe Corp	43	47
Detroit Edison	36	36
Digital Equip	47	48
Dillard Dept St	45	48
Disney (Walt)	44	44
Dominion Res	42	42
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	54	55
Dow Jones	30	30
Dresser	18	19
Duke Power	38	38
Dun & Brdstreet	57	57
Du Pont	46	46
Eastman Kodak	53	53
Eaton Corp	79	79

	Feb 26 midday	Feb 25 close
Emerson Elec	57	57
Engelhard Corp	44	44
Enron Corp	56	57
Entergy Corp	35	35
Ethyl Corp	27	26
Exxon	63	63
FMC Corp	46	46
FPL Group	38	39
Federal Express	56	57
Fed Nat Mtge	78	78
First Chicago	44	43
First Interstate	51	53
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	32	32
Fluor Corp	44	45
Ford Motor	46	46
GTE Corp	36	36
Gannett	50	50
Gap Inc Del	32	32
Gen Cinema	33	33
Gen Dynamics	117	117
Gen Electric	84	84
Gen Mills	69	68
Gen Motors	37	37
Gen Reinsurance	116	117
Gen Signal	66	65
Genuine Parts	35	35
Georgia Pac	64	66
Gillette	59	58
Glaxo ADR	18	18
Goodrich (BF)	42	43
Goodyear Tire	67	67
Grace (W&R)	36	36
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23	23
Great Wstn Fin	18	18
Halliburton	34	34
Heinz (HJ)	43	43
Hercules	69	67
Hershey Foods	52	52
Hewlett Packard	75	76
Hilton Hotels	45	46
Home Depot	63	63
Homestake	11	12
Honeywell	32	33
Household Intl	64	64
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	18	18
ITT Corp	75	75
Illinois Tool	72	72
INCO	23	23
Ingersoll Rand	35	33
Inland Steel	22	22
Intel Corp	118	118
IBM	54	53
Intl Flav & Fr	108	108
Intl Paper	64	64
James River Va	18	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42	41
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	64	63
Kerr-McGee	46	46
Kimberly-Clark	55	55
Knight-Ridder	59	59
Lilly (Eli)	51	50
Limited Inc	25	25
LIN Brdcstng	83	82
Lincoln Nat	73	73
Litton	50	50
Liz Claiborne	34	34
Lockheed Corp	59	58
Louisiana Pac	71	71
MCI Commun	40	40
Marriott	24	24
Marsh & McLnn	94	94
Martin Marietta	69	69
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	72	73
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	35	35
McDonalds	50	50
McDonnell D	54	53
McGraw Hill	59	59
Mead Corp	43	43
Medtronic	77	75
Mellon Bk	60	60
Melville Corp	49	48
Merck Inc	38	38
Merrill Lynch	66	66
Minnesota Mine	104	104
Mobil Corp	67	66
Monsanto	50	51
Morgan (JP)	65	66
Motorola Inc	58	59
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	11	11
Natl Service Ind	26	27
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	34	35
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	38	39
Niag Mohawk	21	21
Nike B	72	71
NL Industries	4	5
Nordstrom	33	34
Norfolk Sthn	63	64
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	46	46
Nynex Corp	90	90
Occidental Pet	19	20
Ohio Edison	24	24

	Feb 26 midday	Feb 25 close
Oracle Systems	32	33
Oryx Energy Co	20	20
PNC Financial	31	31
PPG Industries	65	65
Paccar Inc	59	59
Pacificorp	18	18
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elect	35	34
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	21	21
Paramnt Comm	47	48
Parker Hannifin	32	32
Penney (JC)	79	78
Pennzoil	57	56
Pepsico	39	39
Pfizer	58	57
Phelps Dodge	50	50
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	66	66
Phillips Pet	28	27
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	28	28
Price Co	33	33
Primerica	54	55
Procter & Gmbl	51	50
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	68	68
Ralston Purina	49	49
Raychem Corp	43	43
Raytheon	53	53
Reebok Intl	35	35
Reynolds Metals	52	52
Roadway Srvcs	69	67
Rockwell Intl	29	29
Rohm & Haas	57	58
Royal Dutch	83	84
Rubbermaid	32	31
Safeco Corp	63	63
St Paul's Cos	78	77
Salomon Inc	40	40
Santa Fe S Pac	19	19
Sara Lee Corp	29	29
Scecorp	48	48
Schering Plough	59	59
Schlumberger	58	58
Scott Paper	38	38
Seagram	25	25
Sears Roebuck	52	53
Shell Trans	50	50
Sherwin Wllms	32	32
Skyline Corp	21	21
Snap-On-Tools	33	33
Southern Co	41	41
Sthwestern Bell	74	79
Sprint Corp	28	27
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	27	27
Suntrust	45	45
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	18	18
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	59	59
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	29	28
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	48	48
Tenneco	46	46
Texaco	60	61
Texas Inst	57	57
Texas Utilities	46	46
Textron	42	43
Time Warner	34	33
Times-Mirror	33	33
Timken	29	29
Torchmark	59	57
Toys R Us	38	38
Transamerica	48	48
Travelers Corp	28	28
Tribune	52	51
Tyco Labs	43	43
UAL Corp	119	119
UST Inc	27	27
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	113	111
Union Camp	45	45
Union Carbide	16	17
Union Pacific	59	60
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	15	16
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	39	39
US West	43	43
United Tech	44	45
Unocal Corp	28	28
Upjohn	28	28
VF Corp	49	48
Wal-Mart Stores	32	63
Warner-Lambert	65	64
Waste Mgmnt Inc	35	35
Wells Fargo	101	103
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	42	42
Whirlpool	49	48
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	67	69
Woolworth	28	27
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32	31
Xerox	82	82

BRITISH FUNDS

Strong demand for the March and June series of the long gilt future squeezed prices higher in the cash market.

The March series of the future rose almost a full point to close at £104 15/32 as 20,000 contracts were completed, while the June series also ended £3/8 better at £105 11/32 with a similar number of contracts traded.

Brokers said the surge in activity had been generated by technical factors. Investors will soon have to decide whether to deliver stock for the March series, or roll their positions over into June. This has combined to create shortages in certain stocks.

But the squeeze had little impact elsewhere. At the short end Conversion 10 per cent 1996 firmed two ticks to £111 5/16, while in longs Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was also two ticks better at £105¼.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12¾% 1993	102	-	12.30	5.65
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.61
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	...	13.09	5.46
102	96	Treas 8¾% 1994	102	...	8.28	5.42
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108	...	13.34	5.42
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	+	12.41	5.50
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.49	5.52
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	109	+	11.40	5.59
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	...	8.54	5.60
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	+	10.80	5.74
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	-	3.10	4.72
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	+	9.35	5.87
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	+	10.92	5.97
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	+	11.64	6.21
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	+	12.17	6.34
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	+	11.06	6.35
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	8.98	6.52
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	+	10.83	6.65
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113	+	9.26	6.63
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	+	8.09	6.65
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	+	11.38	6.87
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	+	8.69	6.82
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	+	7.14	6.60
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	+	6.71	6.51
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137	+	11.24	7.18
122	107	Exch 12% 1998	122	+	9.83	7.25
112	97	Treas 9½% 1999	111	+	8.51	7.04
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	+	9.89	7.33
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	116	+	9.01	7.18
116	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	+	8.85	7.25
110	94	Conv 9% 2000	109	+	8.19	7.20
129	114	Treas 13% 2000	129	+	10.00	7.62
114	99	Treas 10% 2001	114	+	8.76	7.62
129	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	129	+	10.84	7.23
113	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	+	8.64	7.83
51	46	Treas 8pc 2003	51	+	7.88	7.78
114	100	Treas 10% 2003	114	+	8.75	7.98

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
121	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121	+	9.49	7.92
73	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	+	4.80	6.97
110	96	Conv 9½% 2004	110	+	8.61	8.10
110	96	Conv 9½% 2005	110	+	8.61	8.12
129	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129	+	9.66	8.27
99	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	+	8.03	8.05
123	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123	+	9.52	7.92
102	89	Treas 8½% 2007	102	+	8.32	8.23
137	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137	+	9.85	8.26
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
106	93	Treas 9% 2008	105	+	8.48	8.28
97	85	Treas 8% 2009	97	+	8.24	8.32
105	93	Conv 9% 2011	105	+	8.55	8.42
105	93	Treas 9% 2012	105	+	8.54	8.43
74	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	+	7.43	8.23
94	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	...	8.21	8.29
132	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	132	+	9.07	8.62
102	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	+	8.94	8.49
		UNDATED				
46	39	Consols 4%	46	+	8.57	...
41	35	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.55	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	61	-	5.68	...
30	24	Consols 2½%	30	+	8.15	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.56	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	+	...	0.74
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	+	1.41	2.16
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	+	2.02	2.60
165	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	+	2.64	2.99
161	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	+	2.81	3.11
110	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110	+	2.92	3.20
167	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	+	3.02	3.24
151	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	+	3.22	3.42
156	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	+	3.30	3.48
128	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	+	3.35	3.52
136	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136	+	3.43	3.60
130	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130	+	3.50	3.64
107	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.53	3.66
108	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	+	3.54	3.67

RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	67	+1
Merlin Intl Green Uts	91	-1
Motor World (210)	266	+1
New City & Comm Inv Tst 86		...
New City & Comm Wts	18	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Allied Leisure n/p (48)	4	...
Bellway n/p (320)	59	-2
Bowater Units n/p (440)	82	+6
Commercial Union n/p (490)	84	+9
Kingfisher Units n/p (450)	95	-12
ML Holdings n/p (15)	3½	...
MMI n/p (7½)	6½	-½
Menvier-Swain n/p (520)	67	...
PizzaExpress n/p (40)	37	+4
Property Trust 10p (25)	21	-2
SelecTV n/p (17)	1	+¼
Triplex Lloyd n/p (140)	28	...
Volex n/p (345)	61	-4
Yorkshire Chems n/p (330)	40	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Abbey National .... 398p (+10p)
Nat West .... 447p (+11p)
Standard Chart .... 668p (+15p)
Mansfield .... 702p (+17p)
Whitbread 'A' .... 459p (+12p)
ADT .... 533p (+13p)
Rolfe & Nolan .... 262p (+14p)
Courtaulds .... 566p (+10p)
Cable Wireless .... 743p (+10p)
Domino .... 600p (+12p)
J Sainsbury .... 526p (+23p)
United Biscuits .... 379p (+12p)
Alumasc .... 490p (+22p)
Glaxo .... 667p (+22p)
Reuters .... 1383p (+36p)
THORN EMI .... 842p (+20p)
Vodafone .... 394p (+15p)
Cadbury Schweppes 469p (+13p)

FALLS:
Kingfisher .... 544p (-12p)
J Menzies .... 468p (-11p)
Admiral .... 454p (-10p)
Antofagasta .... 850p (-18p)

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS. 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	374.80	396.70	+2.60	...
Series Equity	472.40	499.90	+2.90	...
Series Prop Fd	385.60	408.10	...	...
Series Fixed Int	308.60	326.60	+2.40	...
Series Money Fd	236.80	250.60	+0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	266.50	282.10	+3.60	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	16.95	17.85	+0.01	...
Bear	17.62	18.55	-0.01	...
Owl	17.12	18.03	-0.06	...
Bull	15.59	16.43	-0.02	...
Stag	16.26	17.12	+0.08	...
Gilt Edged	17.56	17.56	+0.07	...
Deposit	14.98	14.98	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.48	23.67	+0.02	...
Bear	23.21	24.44	-0.01	...
Owl	22.40	23.58	-0.10	...
Bull	19.35	20.37	-0.02	...
Stag	19.55	20.58	+0.10	...
Gilt Edged	21.39	21.39	+0.10	...
Deposit	18.90	18.90	+0.02	...
Pre 1992 Series				
3-Way Fund	494.26	494.27	+0.78	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	294.42	309.97	-0.09	...
N Amer Equity	281.70	296.53	-4.90	...
Far East Equity	336.82	354.55	+0.71	...
Fixed	274.32	288.76	+1.11	...
Cash Deposit	192.31	202.44	+0.15	...
Property	96.53	101.62	+1.27	...
Special Opp	298.41	314.12	+0.91	...
Managed	260.13	273.83	+0.04	...
Index-Linked Fd	182.14	191.73	+1.10	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	249.40	262.60	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	438.90	462.10	-2.30	...
Equity Fd Inc	153.00	161.10	...	...
-do- Acc	193.30	203.50	-0.10	...
Selective Fd	430.30	453.00	-0.60	...
Money Fd	352.00	370.60	-0.60	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	342.80	360.90	-2.00	...
Equity Ser 4	190.50	200.60	...	...
Man Ser 4	572.00	602.20	+3.70	...
Conv Ser 4	309.10	325.40	+0.50	...
Money Ser 4	308.80	325.10	-0.50	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	318.70	335.50	-1.40	...
American Ser 4	484.10	509.60	-16.40	...
High Inc Ser 4	575.60	605.70	-1.00	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	194.70	205.00	-1.00	...
Japan Ser 4	285.80	300.90	-4.10	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ. 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1354.8	1426.1	-2.40	...
European Fd Acc	304.40	320.30	-0.50	...
Fixed Int Acc	488.40	514.10	-3.10	...
Gtd Money Acc	315.40	332.00	-0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	508.10	534.70	-9.70	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	319.80	336.60	-3.50	...
Japan Fund	238.00	250.40	-1.10	...
N American Acc	304.70	320.70	-6.20	...
Prop Fd Acc	370.10	389.50	-0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	912.50	960.40	-4.40	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	351.40	369.90	-0.40	...
Equity Acc	1208.3	1271.9	-13.00	...
Property Acc	463.60	488.00	-0.50	...
Far East Acc	241.00	253.70	+7.50	...
Managed Capital	474.30	499.30	-6.20	...
-do- Acc	935.60	984.80	-10.50	...
Overseas Acc	825.80	867.20	-4.50	...
Gilt Edged Acc	434.80	457.70	+4.90	...
Amer Equity Acc	724.30	762.40	-25.00	...
Amer Man Acc	313.80	330.40	-11.80	...
Amer Prop Acc	123.40	129.90	-2.50	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	135.20	142.30	-0.10	...
Balced Ser 5	611.30	643.40	+9.10	...
Opportunity Ser 5	135.60	142.70	+2.00	...
UK Equities Ser 5	830.50	874.20	+7.40	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	859.00	904.20	+6.00	...
North Amer Ser 5	440.80	463.90	+12.10	...
Far East Ser 5	439.00	462.10	-10.10	...
Europe Ser 5	301.00	316.80	+2.70	...
Intnl Ser 5	492.20	518.10	+9.20	...
Property Ser 5	465.20	489.60	-5.90	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	386.20	406.50	+1.80	...
Ind-Lnkd Ser 55	169.70	178.60	+0.80	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	278.60	293.40	+0.20	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	715.00	752.70	-2.80	...
-do- Initial	502.20	528.70	-3.30	...
Gilt Edged Acc	358.30	377.20	+1.90	...
-do- Initial	253.90	267.30	+0.60	...
International Acc	340.10	358.00	-4.60	...
-do- Initial	239.40	252.00	+2.50	...
Managed Acc	450.10	473.80	+0.90	...
-do- Initial	317.40	334.20	-0.30	...
Money Acc	274.60	289.10	...	...
Property Acc	252.80	266.20	+0.10	...
-do- Initial	177.30	186.70	...	...
America Acc	269.10	283.30	-9.20	...
Australia Acc	178.40	187.80	+6.00	...
Financial Acc	253.50	266.90	+1.00	...
500 Accum	373.70	393.40	-0.50	...
Japan Genl Acc	286.90	302.10	-1.10	...
Income Acc	441.10	464.40	+0.70	...
Leisure Acc	188.70	198.70	-1.00	...
Special Sits Acc	186.20	196.20	-1.30	...
Unit Tech Acc	126.40	133.10	+3.20	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	691.60	691.60	+1.55	...
Income Fund	654.35	688.79	-1.09	...
Extra Income	602.74	634.47	-0.03	...
Worldwide Gth	428.78	451.35	-7.75	...
Balanced Fund	577.38	607.77	-2.41	...
Smllr Cos Recov	581.40	612.00	-0.63	...
N Amer & Genrl	356.94	375.73	-0.75	...
Pacific Basin	335.05	352.69	-0.13	...
German Growth	197.78	208.19	+1.85	...
Japan Growth	132.63	139.60	-1.20	...
The UK Gth Fd	184.32	194.03	-1.10	...
Contl Euro Gth	107.29	112.94	+0.81	...
Property Fund	336.09	353.78	-3.64	...
Fixed Interest	289.91	305.17	+1.25	...
Cash Fund	267.68	281.77	+0.19	...
Managed Inv	424.61	446.96	+0.84	...
Nth Amer Recov	227.86	239.86	-0.94	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	386.86	407.23	-1.85	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire. 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	136.50	144.40	-0.30	...
Performance Plus	132.90	140.60	-0.30	...
With Profit Perf	156.90	166.00	-0.30	...
UK Opportunity	156.10	165.20	-0.70	...
Euro Opportunity	168.10	177.90	-1.10	...
North Amer Opp	134.00	141.80	-0.30	...
Far East Opp	143.40	151.70	-0.60	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	151.50	159.50	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	148.40	157.00	+0.20	...
Fixed Intl	165.00	174.60	+0.80	...
Cash	147.70	156.30	+0.10	...
Overseas	155.00	164.00	-0.30	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA. 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£241.00	...	...	...
Managed	278.40	293.10	+1.90	...
Property	192.10	202.20	+0.40	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	218.80	230.40	+1.10	...
Index-Linked	177.30	186.60	-0.80	...
Equity	305.70	321.80	+1.00	...
Cash	206.70	217.70	+0.20	...
CLife Euro Mgd	299.70	315.50	+0.60	...
CLife Intl Fd	306.00	322.20	+5.20	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£115.90	...	+0.30	...
Property Units	£25.03	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£58.16	£61.54	+0.60	...
2nd Equity Acc	562.60	595.30	-1.20	...
2nd High Inc Ac	539.50	569.80	+1.00	...
2nd Property Acc	230.00	243.40	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	169.30	179.20	+2.20	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	408.80	432.60	+4.00	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	197.60	209.10	+2.10	...
2nd Deposit Acc	265.60	281.10	-0.30	...
2nd Gilt Acc	272.20	288.00	+1.10	...
2nd Amer Acc	601.80	636.80	+13.60	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	256.10	271.00	+3.30	...
2nd Index Acc	179.70	190.20	-0.90	...
2nd Far East Acc	361.20	382.20	+8.10	...
2nd Global Acc	159.60	168.90	+2.20	...
2nd Euro Acc	135.90	143.80	+2.20	...
2nd Japan Acc	173.40	183.50	+3.50	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.60	72.60	...	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	159.30	168.60	+4.50	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	111.10	117.60	-0.30	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	180.10	189.60	-3.30	...
Managed Fund	527.50	555.30	-0.40	...
Equity Fund	297.50	313.20	-0.80	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	243.40	256.30	+0.70	...
Ruby	133.70	140.80	-1.70	...
Emerald	132.30	139.30	+0.70	...
Equity	284.20	299.20	+0.30	...
Property	176.70	186.10	-0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	189.80	199.80	-0.90	...
Indexed Secs	154.80	163.00	-1.20	...
Cash	176.50	185.80	+0.20	...
Nth American	204.70	215.50	-3.80	...
Far East	235.60	248.00	-5.30	...
International	188.30	198.30	+2.40	...
Special Sits	253.60	267.00	+1.50	...
Intl Income	250.80	264.00	+1.70	...
American Inc	173.60	182.80	-3.90	...
European	244.40	257.30	+1.00	...
Japanese	113.50	119.50	+1.20	...
SE Asia	267.70	281.80	+7.60	...
With Profits Reg	144.30	151.90	-0.20	...
-do- Spec	144.30	151.90	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	265.70	279.70	+3.10	...
Equity	323.00	340.10	-3.50	...
Property	171.50	180.60	-0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	225.10	237.00	+0.90	...
Index Linked	163.00	171.60	-1.20	...
Cash	229.30	241.40	+0.20	...
Nth American	251.10	264.40	-9.30	...
Far East Acc	240.60	253.30	+4.60	...
International Acc	238.70	251.30	+4.10	...
Special Sits	374.40	394.20	+0.10	...
European Flex	322.00	339.00	+3.30	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD. 071 248 9861				
(Units):Key	£199.63	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£272.19	...	...	...
-do- Cash	193.88	204.08	+0.12	...
-do- Equity	445.94	469.41	+1.44	...
-do- Fxd Int	336.15	353.84	+3.45	...
-do- Managed	328.10	345.37	-1.01	...
-do- Property	221.57	233.23	+2.57	...
(Pens):Cash Cap	204.44	215.21	+0.07	...
-do- Cash Inv	281.26	296.07	+0.29	...
-do- Equity Cap	1221.2	1285.5	-10.73	...
-do- Equity Inv	1680.1	1768.5	-13.55	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
-do- Fixed Cap	370.72	390.24	+1.93	...
-do- Fixed Inv	510.02	536.87	+3.02	...
-do- Index Cap	197.62	208.03	+1.25	...
-do- Index Inv	271.87	286.19	+1.91	...
Mngd Cap	499.26	525.55	-3.14	...
Mngd Inv	686.85	723.01	-3.84	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1585.16	...	+0.13	...
Var Ann (5)	383.14	...	-0.20	...
Prime: Managed	343.30	361.40	+2.70	...
Prime: UK Equity	407.10	428.60	+0.30	...
Prime: Int Equity	260.10	273.80	-5.90	...
Prime: Property	193.40	203.60	+2.20	...
Prime: Fxd Int	222.90	234.70	+0.60	...
Prime: Index-Lnk	159.30	167.70	+1.20	...
Prime: Cash	193.80	204.00	+0.30	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN. 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	977.10	1028.5	+10.40	...
Equity Fund	1389.2	1462.3	-1.20	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW. 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	514.30	541.30	+2.80	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	339.90	357.70	+2.70	...
Life Equity Acc	698.10	734.80	+0.50	...
Life Money Acc	284.60	299.50	+0.50	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	645.90	679.80	+1.00	...
Life Intl Acc	443.00	466.30	+9.80	...
Life High Inc Acc	655.50	690.00	-4.30	...
Life Property Acc	223.40	235.10	+0.20	...
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	...	...
Brewin Equity	625.00	657.90	-5.00	...
DBS Managed	231.80	244.00	-1.30	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	165.30	174.00	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	216.10	227.50	-2.20	...
-do- Series 2	138.20	145.50	-1.50	...
Adventurous Fd	180.40	189.90	+7.90	...
-do- Series 2	134.90	142.10	+6.00	...
Performance Fd	220.60	232.30	+6.20	...
-do- Series 2	142.10	149.60	+4.00	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	137.00	144.30	+0.90	...
UK Equity Fund	136.40	143.60	-0.10	...
Property Fund	103.40	108.90	-0.90	...
Envrnmnl Opps	137.90	145.20	-1.30	...
Euro Fund	141.00	148.50	+1.40	...
North Amer Fd	181.20	190.80	+4.00	...
Oriental Ops	152.80	160.90	+4.20	...
Japanese Fund	98.20	103.40	+1.20	...
Bd & West Life	112.00	117.90	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	123.10	129.60	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
EagleMid Uts	243.10	251.90	-1.30	3.63
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH. 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	263.00	276.90	+0.70	...
UK Equity	349.90	368.40	-1.30	...
Stewardship	300.10	315.90	+0.10	...
Overseas Equity	235.70	248.20	+4.50	...
North American	137.20	144.50	+3.80	...
Pacific Basin	123.90	130.50	+2.90	...
European	168.30	177.20	+3.10	...
Property	187.20	197.10	-0.60	...
Fixed Interest	205.20	216.10	+1.40	...
Index Linked	152.40	160.50	+1.30	...
Cash	197.80	197.80	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567				
GT Plan Far East	269.50	283.70	+3.80	...
GT Plan Wrlde	405.40	426.80	+6.90	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	178.90	188.20	+1.70	...
Unitised Profit	119.10	125.20	+0.20	...
UK Equity	240.40	252.90	+1.40	...
Fixed Int	179.40	187.70	+1.10	...
Index-Linked	153.80	161.80	+1.30	...
Cash Deposit	165.50	174.10	+0.10	...
Property	158.90	167.20	-2.00	...
International	160.70	169.10	+1.50	...
American	152.90	160.40	+6.10	...
Japan	203.20	213.80	+3.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	197.90	208.20	+3.30	...
European	158.60	166.60	+1.90	...
Pacific Fund	214.20	225.30	+2.60	...
Conv Life	129.90	136.70	-0.70	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	626.90	626.90	+4.70	...
-do- Inv A	626.80	659.90	+4.90	...
UK Equity	358.10	377.10	-0.50	...
Gilt Plus	195.10	205.50	+1.00	...
Managed	272.90	287.30	+2.20	...
Inter Man	247.50	260.60	+2.60	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth. 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	628.50	662.30	-0.30	...
Money Fund	299.00	314.80	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	561.60	591.80	-0.30	...
Fixed Interest	258.20	272.10	-1.10	...
Property Fund	328.50	346.20	-1.10	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	497.90	524.70	+9.20	...
Income	632.20	666.20	+1.70	...
International Gth	527.80	556.20	+9.60	...
Capital Fund	549.10	578.60	-2.00	...
Recovery Fund	539.60	568.60	+4.40	...
Japan & General	224.30	236.40	+3.00	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	635.40	661.90	+3.10	...
Managed Initial	405.40	426.90	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	565.60	584.80	+0.50	...

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Equity Initial	590.70	621.80	-3.00	...
-do- Acc	809.50	852.10	-3.70	...
Fixed Int Initial	416.30	438.20	+8.20	...
-do- Acc	570.50	600.50	+11.50	...
Intl Initial	402.70	423.90	+6.70	...
-do- Acc	551.80	580.80	+9.40	...
Nth Amer Initial	179.40	188.80	+8.00	...
-do- Acc	223.70	235.50	+10.10	...
Pacific Initial	199.10	209.60	+4.60	...
-do- Acc	246.00	258.90	+5.80	...
Property Initial	150.00	157.80	...	...
-do- Acc	205.50	216.30	+0.40	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	152.10	160.10	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	189.70	199.70	+1.20	...
Deposit Initial	192.40	202.50	...	...
-do- Acc	263.60	277.50	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	84.50	88.90	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	97.40	102.50	+1.90	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	142.80	150.30	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	168.30	177.10	+0.10	...
UK Equity	138.30	145.50	-0.40	...
-do- Pens	150.10	158.00	-0.60	...
International	126.80	133.40	...	...
-do- Pens	136.30	143.40	+0.10	...
Deposit	132.80	139.70	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	153.70	161.70	+0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	341.50	363.40	-0.50	...
North America	327.60	348.60	-3.30	...
Far East Fund	464.10	493.80	-11.30	...
Global Managed	393.70	418.90	-1.90	...
Deposit Fund	216.20	227.60	...	...
Prime Residential	125.20	131.80	...	...
European Fund	216.90	230.80	-1.70	...
Fixed Interest	68.80	73.20	+0.20	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	440.10	465.80	+1.10	...
British Fund	450.40	476.70	+2.80	...
International	448.80	475.00	-8.70	...
Dollar Fund	344.40	364.50	-12.10	...
Capital Fund	406.70	430.40	+3.00	...
Income Fund	593.60	628.20	+1.90	...
Property Series A	379.20	401.30	-0.90	...
Property Units	613.60	644.30	+1.80	...
Financial Fund	448.40	474.50	-2.30	...
Managed Ser A	474.30	502.00	-8.00	...
-do- C	276.50	292.60	+4.50	...
Managed Units	846.30	990.90	+14.30	...
High Yield Fund	557.30	599.90	+0.80	...
Money Series A	271.60	287.50	+0.40	...
Money Units	357.50	376.40	+0.50	...
Equity Fund	535.40	566.60	+4.60	...
Fixed Interest	343.00	363.00	+1.80	...
Indexed Secs	168.50	178.40	-1.20	...
European Fund	614.60	650.40	-2.60	...
Natural Res	240.40	254.40	+4.00	...
Far East Fund	478.20	506.10	+9.90	...
Smaller Cos	390.80	413.60	-2.30	...
Special Sits	377.00	399.00	+0.90	...
Man Currency	252.00	266.70	+0.60	...
Japanese Tech	205.20	217.20	-1.70	...
US Smaller Cos	200.20	211.90	-1.60	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	479.50	504.70	-0.60	...
Global Property	260.80	274.50	...	...
Global Fixed Int	465.80	490.10	+1.70	...
Global Equity	509.40	536.20	-1.20	...
Global Cash	201.00	211.60	-0.30	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ. 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	443.00	466.30	+2.10	...
Property	410.60	432.20	-0.10	...
Managed	365.70	384.90	+2.50	...
American	382.90	403.10	+14.00	...
UK Equity Fd	399.30	420.30	-0.80	...
Japan	165.20	173.90	+3.20	...
Index-Lkd	175.10	184.30	+1.20	...
High Yield	730.40	768.80	+4.00	...
Growth Cap	399.90	420.90	+2.00	...
Money	379.00	398.90	+0.30	...
International	330.40	347.80	+5.30	...
Henderson Active	184.50	194.20	+0.60	...
Perpetual Active	267.70	281.80	+2.50	...
Growth Cap	399.90	420.90	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	566.10	595.90	+3.70	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE. 0273 724000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.90	141.90	...	...
-do- Acc	175.70	185.00	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	125.10	130.30	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	145.40	153.10	-0.20	...
Cash Initial	166.60	175.40	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	271.40	285.70	+0.30	...
Equity Initial	579.40	609.90	+2.20	...
-do- Acc	943.80	993.50	+3.50	...
Fixed Initial	337.30	355.10	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	549.50	578.50	+3.20	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	130.60	137.50	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	181.50	191.10	+1.40	...
Intl Initial	304.40	320.50	+6.30	...
-do- Acc	488.30	514.00	-10.20	...
Managed Initial	428.00	450.60	+3.90	...
-do- Acc	697.20	733.90	+6.30	...
Property Initial	182.10	191.70	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	296.60	312.30	+0.50	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	308.50	324.80	+2.10	...
UK Equity	514.60	541.90	+0.40	...
Property	273.90	288.40	+1.00	...
Money Market	238.70	251.30	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	290.20	305.50	+1.60	...
Japan	319.20	336.00	+5.20	...
North America	159.70	168.20	+5.20	...
International	257.60	271.20	+4.60	...

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European	233.80	246.20	+1.00	...
Far East	106.10	111.70	+3.00	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA. 0272 279179				
Equity	£782.70	...	-2.20	...
Fixed Interest	£371.50	...	+1.10	...
Property	£336.00	...	+0.40	...
Deposit	£274.50	...	+0.30	...
Mixed	£512.30	...	-1.10	...
Indexed Stock	£196.80	...	+0.80	...
International	£247.10	...	+3.40	...
Equity A	£182.10	...	-0.50	...
Fixed Int A	£165.30	...	+0.50	...
Property A	£148.10	...	+0.20	...
Deposit A	£161.80	...	+0.20	...
Mixed A	£168.90	...	+0.40	...
Index Stock A	£154.50	...	+0.60	...
International A	£154.80	...	+2.10	...
Equity P	£628.40	...	-2.50	...
Fixed Int P	£474.20	...	+2.40	...
Property P	£268.40	...	-0.40	...
Deposit P	£316.50	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	£459.80	...	-1.20	...
Index Stock P	£226.00	...	+1.10	...
International P	£278.30	...	+4.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£510.30	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	£788.80	...	+0.80	...
Property Cap	£158.20	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	£237.50	...	+0.40	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£194.80	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	£292.70	...	-1.30	...
Equity Cap	£293.80	...	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	£445.90	...	-1.40	...
Internatl Cap	£213.40	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	£320.80	...	+0.50	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£171.10	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£254.70	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£322.50	...	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	£468.40	...	-0.90	...
Moneymaker Fd	£387.20	...	-0.40	...
Capital Growth	£1409.5	...	-3.20	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB. 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	395.20	415.00	-12.30	...
Amer Rec Bond	437.40	459.40	-15.70	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	209.30	219.90	-4.50	...
Australasia Bd	165.20	173.50	+6.10	...
Commodity Bond	217.40	228.40	-3.90	...
Deposit Bond Acc	341.90	359.10	+0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1187.2	1246.6	+7.80	...
European Bd Acc	296.20	311.20	+0.60	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	581.40	610.60	-1.60	...
Far East Bd Acc	243.40	255.70	+8.00	...
Gilt Bond Acc	398.00	418.00	+1.50	...
Gold Bond Acc	89.60	94.10	+2.20	...
High Yield Bond	290.90	305.50	-5.00	5.13
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	196.70	206.70	+1.30	...
International Bd	616.60	647.60	+11.50	...
Japan Bond Acc	227.70	239.20	+4.30	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	195.60	205.50	+3.10	...
Managed Bonds	724.40	761.10	-2.00	...
Prop Bond Acc	294.60	309.40	-5.10	...
Rec Bond Acc	608.30	638.90	-4.90	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	203.90	214.70	-0.10	...
UK Equity Acc	270.40	284.70	-0.20	...
Special Sits	84.10	88.60	-0.20	...
Special Sits Acc	111.60	117.50	-0.20	...
North American	183.20	192.90	+4.20	...
N American Acc	243.00	255.80	+5.80	...
Pacific Basin	301.30	317.20	-5.80	...
Pacific Basin Acc	399.60	420.70	+7.90	...
Fixed Interest	279.50	294.30	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest Acc	371.10	390.70	+1.90	...
Property	152.50	160.60	-2.20	...
Property Acc	202.40	213.10	-2.80	...
Deposit	149.80	157.70	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	199.50	210.00	-0.40	...
Managed	234.30	246.70	+1.10	...
Managed Acc	286.40	301.50	+1.50	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	611.70	643.90	+3.30	...
Property Fund	473.10	498.00	-0.50	...
Equity Fund	757.20	797.00	...	...
Gilt Edged Fd	553.90	583.00	+2.10	...
Deposit Fund	311.50	327.90	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	320.10	336.10	-0.20	...
International	484.90	510.40	-9.70	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 61 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA. Admin: 0272 266366. Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	394.80	415.70	+0.40	...
Equity Bond	298.40	314.10	-1.60	...
Money Mrkt Bd	490.40	516.30	-1.90	...
Deposit Fund	356.00	374.70	+0.30	...
Managed Fund	409.10	430.60	-1.80	...
Intl Equity	478.20	503.30	+9.00	...
Intl Managed	451.30	475.00	+2.90	...
North American	200.70	211.20	+5.10	...
Far East	342.00	360.00	+4.00	...
Intl Currency	258.70	272.30	+6.70	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 827733				
Equity	128.30	135.00	-0.40	...
Fixed Interest	490.00	515.70	+2.00	...
Managed	618.30	650.80	-2.70	...
Deposit	318.60	335.30	+0.20	...
Property	373.30	392.90	-2.10	...
American	400.00	421.00	+3.40	...
Australian	424.10	446.40	-2.30	...
European	464.90	489.30	-1.00	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	244.40	257.20	+0.40	...
Global Managed	125.30	131.80	-0.60	...
Income Acc	671.80	707.20	-1.40	...
-do- Dist	424.50	446.00	-1.20	5.64
International	279.70	294.40	+2.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Japan Smaller	392.60	413.20	+0.40	...
Singapore & Mal	258.60	272.20	+4.50	...
Smaller Cos	325.50	342.60	+1.60	...
Tokyo Fund	548.70	577.50	-17.70	...
UK Equity	524.10	551.60	-14.00	...
CCM Vangd Mg	647.00	681.00	-0.10	...
Equity Pens Cap	858.80	904.00	-3.30	...
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH. 071 623 4200				
Managed	420.20	442.40	+4.20	...
UK Equity	516.00	543.20	+1.20	...
Overseas Equity	424.10	446.50	+10.00	...
American	399.60	420.70	+14.90	...
Far East	421.60	443.80	-11.40	...
Property	194.10	204.40	-0.30	...
Fixed Interest	340.10	358.00	+3.40	...
Indexed Gilt	211.80	223.00	+1.70	...
Deposit	203.60	214.40	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP. 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1204.0	1267.4	+7.20	...
Eqty Fund	2637.4	2765.7	+10.10	...
Property Fd	432.00	454.70	-5.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	549.00	577.90	+2.10	...
Deposit Fund	325.40	342.50	+0.30	...
Intl Fund	203.30	214.00	-2.70	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	137.50	144.80	-0.40	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	262.00	275.80	-0.80	...
Inv Equity	1026.0	1080.0	-0.30	...
Inv Managed	715.40	753.10	+2.40	...
Ret Managed	783.30	824.60	+4.50	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB. 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	684.60	728.40	+12.50	...
Cash Fund	318.10	335.30	+0.30	...
Property Fund	216.70	230.60	...	...
Equity Fund	784.80	834.90	+6.60	...
Fxd Interest Fund	430.10	442.70	+3.30	...
International	350.90	373.30	+4.20	...
High Income	605.90	644.60	+7.30	...
Far East	474.90	505.30	+10.30	...
North American	470.00	500.10	-9.40	...
Special Sits	555.90	591.40	+1.10	...
Technology	453.20	482.20	-0.30	...
Extra Income Fd	328.20	349.20	-0.60	...
Gilt Fund	449.40	478.10	+1.50	...
European	127.40	135.60	+1.50	...
Adventurous Mg	178.00	187.40	-2.00	...
Secure Mgd	130.00	138.50	-1.10	...
Equity Inc Dist	109.70	116.80	-0.70	4.88
North American	104.20	110.90	+0.90	5.60
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA. 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	261.50	275.90	-1.00	...
Fxd Interest Acc	221.10	233.30	+1.40	...
International Acc	220.40	232.50	+2.50	...
Managed Acc	192.30	202.80	-0.40	...
Property Acc	221.30	233.50	...	...
Money Acc	145.00	153.00	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	194.90	205.60	+3.40	...
Japan Equity Acc	96.60	101.90	+1.20	...
N Amer Acc	152.20	160.60	+5.30	...
Pacific Acc	130.50	137.70	+2.30	...
European Acc	119.40	126.00	-0.70	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP. 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	406.20	427.60	+4.70	...
Managed Initial	290.10	305.40	+3.10	...
Equity Ord	613.80	646.10	+4.80	...
Equity Init	438.40	461.50	+3.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	191.20	201.30	+1.50	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	142.70	150.20	+1.00	...
Oseas Equity Ord	314.70	331.30	+8.10	...
Oseas Equity Init	224.80	236.60	+5.50	...
Property Ord	222.40	234.10	+0.80	...
Property Init	158.80	167.20	-0.50	...
Fixed Int Ord	258.50	272.10	-0.80	...
Fixed Int Init	184.60	194.30	+0.40	...
Deposit Ord	194.40	204.60	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	138.90	146.20	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH. 071 405 9222				
Managed	291.10	303.30	-0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP. 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	652.10	686.50	-6.70	...
Equity Fund	1280.0	1347.4	+6.10	...
Intl Fund	496.00	522.20	+10.80	...
Fixed Interest	530.80	558.80	+2.10	...
Property Fund	376.50	396.40	...	...
Cash Fund	345.50	363.70	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	256.70	270.30	+8.10	...
N American Fd	218.00	229.50	-7.10	...
Euro Fund	222.00	234.40	+3.00	...
Balanced Fund	131.20	138.20	+1.40	...
Strategic Fund	133.30	140.40	+1.50	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (4)	£593.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	388.10	408.50	...	...
Op Prop	410.30	431.90	...	...
Op Equity	877.20	923.40	-5.10	...
Op High Yield	518.60	545.90	+3.00	...
Op Managed	721.80	759.80	+3.90	...
Op Deposit	371.00	390.60	...	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Euro Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	279.50	294.30	...	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	184.80	194.60	+2.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Shs	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	225.20	237.10	+1.20	...
Gilt	77.40	81.50	+1.50	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	325.30	342.50	+0.70	...
Global Bond	116.70	122.90	+1.20	...
Global (35.34)	159.30	167.70	+2.70	...
Gold Share	52.00	54.80	+0.80	...
High Income	263.90	277.80	+0.60	...
Income	383.50	403.70	+2.10	...
Japan	315.90	332.60	+2.70	...
UK Smlr Cos	265.40	279.40	-2.20	...
Mngd Growth	397.10	418.00	-3.30	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	844.00	893.10	-7.70	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	338.20	356.00	+3.00	...
Equity Fund	470.30	495.00	-0.90	...
Property Fund	244.40	257.20	...	...
International	392.70	413.30	+8.20	...
Pacific Basin	216.70	228.10	+6.70	...
United States	219.80	231.30	+8.40	...
Gilt Fund	325.70	342.80	+2.00	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	650.70	688.60	+3.50	...
Deposit Fund (2)	346.90	367.10	+0.20	...
Gilt Fund	469.50	496.90	+2.00	...
Global Equity Fd	194.00	205.30	+1.50	...
Property Fund (4)	89.20	94.40	+0.10	...
AG Bond Fund	139.00	147.10	+0.60	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. 041 248 2323				
Equity	489.60	515.40	+1.00	...
Fixed Interest	331.80	349.30	+0.70	...
Index-Linked	182.30	191.90	+1.30	...
International	368.70	388.20	+9.00	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	217.70	229.20	+0.20	...
Managed	388.80	409.30	+60.70	...
Cap Gteed Bd	98.10	103.30	+0.50	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF. 031 556 9101				
Cash	170.57	179.54	+0.15	...
Index-Linked	147.00	154.70	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	170.80	179.80	+2.70	...
Mixed	218.30	229.80	+3.70	...
UK Equity	210.50	221.60	+1.10	...
International	216.50	227.90	+5.00	...
American	238.80	251.40	+6.80	...
Japan	200.30	210.80	+3.90	...
European	216.40	227.80	+5.20	...
Pacific	283.90	298.80	+7.60	...
Technology	290.40	305.70	+5.60	...
Currncy/Currncy	222.70	234.40	+4.70	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE. 031 225 2211				
Property	172.50	181.70	-0.40	...
UK Equity	311.90	328.40	+1.20	...
American	237.50	250.10	+7.70	...
Pacific	275.70	290.30	+9.30	...
European	405.90	427.40	+5.10	...
International	265.70	279.80	+5.80	...
Fixed Interest	225.50	237.40	+1.40	...
Index Linked	189.80	199.70	+1.20	...
Deposit	182.20	191.90	+0.10	...
Managed	249.10	262.30	+2.50	...
Worldwide	106.00	111.70	+0.80	...
Pen Worldwide	110.00	115.90	+1.00	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1497.8	1502.9	...	...
Safety Fund	212.50	223.40	+1.30	...
Growth Fund	203.60	214.40	+2.80	...
Opportunity Fd	203.50	214.30	+2.80	...
Cash Fund	164.70	173.40	+0.10	...
European Fund	300.50	316.40	+5.50	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	180.20	189.70	+1.30	...
Index-Linked Fd	168.90	177.80	+1.40	...
International Fd	253.60	267.00	+8.00	...
North American	228.60	240.70	+10.50	...
Property Fund	113.60	119.60	...	...
UK Equity	210.50	222.90	+1.50	...
UK Smaller	186.40	196.30	+0.90	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 556 9181				
Mixed	226.80	238.90	+1.40	...
Equity	238.20	250.80	+0.20	...
International	239.50	252.20	+4.70	...
Property	192.50	202.80	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	209.90	221.00	+1.40	...
Index Linked	169.00	178.00	+1.40	...
Cash	177.40	186.90	+0.20	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	824.30	824.30	...	...
Inv Pol 2	756.00	795.90	...	...
Inv Pol 3	728.40	766.90	...	...
Inv Cash	294.00	309.60	...	...
Mixed Fund	399.30	420.60	+3.30	...
Equity Fund	470.80	495.70	+2.60	...
Property Fund	205.10	216.00	+0.20	...
International Fd	413.40	435.30	+7.20	...
Fixed Interest Fd	344.00	362.30	+4.50	...
Indexed Stock Fd	184.80	194.60	-1.30	...
Cash Fund	214.40	225.80	+0.10	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX. 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	317.50	334.20	-2.60	...
Equity Acc	362.70	381.70	-2.50	...
International Acc	294.70	310.30	-1.40	...
Property	210.20	221.20	-0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	208.50	219.40	-0.50	...

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STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 031 225 2552				
Cash	254.00	267.40	+0.20	...
Equity	874.60	920.70	+3.90	...
European	142.40	149.90	-1.60	...
Far East	134.20	141.30	+3.20	...
Fixed Interest	365.90	385.20	+2.70	...
Index Linked	193.40	203.60	+1.60	...
International	525.20	552.90	+10.70	...
Managed	610.80	643.00	+5.10	...
Nth American	146.20	153.90	+4.10	...
Property	304.40	320.50	...	...
Pensions				
Cash	388.20	408.70	+0.30	...
Equity	1222.3	1286.7	+5.30	...
European	168.70	177.60	+2.10	...
Far East	102.40	107.80	+3.00	...
Fixed Interest	484.40	509.90	+4.10	...
Index Linked	267.20	281.30	+2.20	...
International	722.30	760.40	+19.40	...
Managed	832.80	876.70	+8.30	...
Nth American	181.90	191.50	+7.80	...
Property	382.00	402.20	-0.10	...
Stock Exchange	188.10	198.10	+2.00	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	561.60	591.20	+4.90	...
Equity Fund	750.60	790.20	...	...
Fixed Interest Fd	385.20	405.50	+1.80	...
Index-Linked Fd	285.90	301.00	+1.80	...
Property Fund	407.60	429.10	-0.70	...
International Fd	541.70	570.30	+11.00	...
N American Fd	213.20	224.50	+7.30	...
Far East Fund	173.70	182.90	+2.20	...
Deposit Fund	277.30	291.90	-0.20	...
International Bd	£70.41	...	-1.04	...
Worldwide Bond	161.30	169.80	+3.40	...
Worldwide Fincl	78.20	82.40	+0.10	...
Worldwide Tech	92.80	97.70	...	...
European	136.20	143.40	+2.10	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	546.90	575.80	+2.00	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	386.00	412.00	+11.20	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£464.90	...	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	£436.70	...	+0.80	...
Agricultural Fd	£749.40	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£720.00	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£374.30	...	+0.50	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£397.80	...	+0.50	...
Investment Fd	£296.50	...	+2.20	...
Investment (A)	£285.30	...	+2.20	...
Equity	£1082.7	...	+0.10	...
Equity Acc	£1040.9	...	...	...
Money Fund	£438.60	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£420.90	...	+0.40	...
Actuarial Fd	£508.00	...	+2.50	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£399.00	...	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	£399.00	...	+1.60	...
Retire Annuity	£977.60	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£293.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£213.00	...	+0.10	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1226.4	...	-0.80	...
Managed Acc	£726.70	...	+1.50	...
Equity Account	£1031.5	...	+6.10	...
Mngd Fund Acc	337.50	355.30	+0.80	...
Equity Fund Acc	455.30	479.30	+3.00	...
Prop Fund Acc	222.10	233.80	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	277.80	292.40	+5.50	...
Money Fund Acc	208.60	219.60	+0.40	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	193.70	203.90	+0.70	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1590.3	...	-2.90	...
Pens Mngd Accs	739.50	778.40	-1.40	...
Pens Guarantee	216.80	228.20	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	284.20	299.20	+0.60	...
Pens Property	228.20	240.20	+0.40	...
Pens Fixed Int	248.10	261.20	+2.20	...
Pens Intl	200.00	210.60	-5.00	...
Pens Money	219.25	230.70	+0.20	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	181.80	191.40	+0.70	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL. 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	767.00	807.40	+6.00	...
Property Acc	276.80	291.40	...	...
Equity Acc	1249.4	1315.2	+8.40	...
Fixed Int Acc	356.20	375.00	+2.10	...
Index-Linked Acc	191.40	201.50	+1.90	...
Cash Acc	290.50	305.80	+0.50	...
Amer Equity Acc	350.10	368.60	+0.60	...
Japan Acc	251.60	264.90	+2.30	...
Pacific Acc	274.00	288.50	+1.20	...
Far Eastern Acc	652.00	686.30	+3.50	...
International Acc	477.30	502.50	-0.40	...
Distribution Fund	270.30	284.60	+3.00	7.03
European	153.70	161.80	+2.30	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE. 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	249.40	262.60	+1.70	...
Property Fund	177.10	186.50	...	...
Fixed Interest Fd	206.50	217.40	+1.20	...
Money Fund	188.30	198.30	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	324.90	342.00	+2.90	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
TSB Brit Gwth	716.30	754.00	+11.20	...
TSB American	192.20	202.40	-9.00	...
Australian	...	...	...	...
Deposit	226.70	240.20	+0.10	...
Residential Prop	90.20	95.00	...	...
Financial Ser 1	38.00	40.80	+0.90	...
Fixed Interest	314.30	330.90	+1.20	...
Gold	68.00	71.60	+3.20	...
TSB Income	341.60	359.60	+2.40	...
TSB Intl	379.60	399.60	-12.00	...
TSB Pacific	330.90	348.40	+17.20	...
Managed	543.80	572.50	+14.70	...
Managed Prop	197.00	207.40	+8.70	...
Preference	239.00	251.60	+8.60	...
Property	252.20	265.50	...	...
World Income	274.40	288.90	+8.30	...
TSB European	233.50	245.80	+4.50	...

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Pensions still being pillaged



COMMENT

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The pension industry recognised at its conference in Eastbourne this week that the plundering and broken promises are still going on more than a year after Robert Maxwell proved the extent to which regulation of company pensions was lacking. Thousands of pensioners from Maxwell companies are still without any certain prospect of secure pension provision. Elsewhere, there is strong evidence that many smaller companies are avoiding paying over contributions they are contractually bound to make. Those hit badly by the recession are most likely to renege. In robbing Peter to keep Paul going they may argue they will pay it back, but when the company collapses, members are hit with a double whammy of no job and no pension.

The sums of money involved may not make the headlines in the same dramatic way as Maxwell but are devastating for retired people who have counted on receiving a certain level of pension and have made contributions all their working lives.

But despite continuing evidence of abuses, the government is still moving at a snail's pace to tighten up legislation. Professor Roy Goode, appointed by the government last July to review pensions law, is not due to report until July and has given a warning he may not meet the deadline.

Any legislation resulting from the report is not likely to find parliamentary time until the end of this year at the earliest. Changes in the law may not be as radical as some would like, particularly as Professor Goode is being widely advised by the pensions industry that the existing trust laws governing the duties of trustees to scheme members should be preserved. Some pension fund managers and trustees appear to want to stick their heads in the sand and say there are no abuses of pension scheme money and cases are so rare as to be negligible. If this were true, we would not see growing numbers of problems reported by the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service, for instance.

Trust law only works if it can be adequately policed by a regulator with powers to appoint new trustees if they break the rules. John Morgan, chief executive of the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, this week called for a regulator with precisely these powers. He should know where pension regulation is lacking — Imro admits it let down the Maxwell pensioners.

In many cases where the trustee and the managing director of the company are the same, trust law goes out of the window and, as far as the company is concerned, pension fund money is fair game. It is easy for the managing director, with his trustee's hat on, to decide it would be in members' best interests to borrow money from the fund to pay debts or use it to buy stock in the company to bolster the share price.

So trustees prepared to fight their members' corner are valuable indeed. British Rail pensioners should be grateful that the trustees of their fund are prepared to fight any government plans to absorb part of the £8.5 billion fund. The trustees say they have a duty to their members not to allow the government to go ahead with proposals that would leave pensioners worse off.

Tax claims

The Inland Revenue has taken the unusual step of writing a detailed letter to a saver, explaining what little power it has to compel building societies and banks to do the decent thing.

Large numbers of savers have complained to Weekend Money about the difficulties they face in getting certificates of tax deducted from savings institutions so they can reclaim the tax paid. The people affected are those with too large an income to declare themselves non-taxpayers but who have some savings income below the tax threshold. Tax is deducted at source and they have to claim it back from the Revenue, but to do so they need a certificate.

The savers who find this most difficult are those who have relatively large sums in accounts and pay more than £50 in extra tax. The Revenue says they can claim it back immediately, but not so the institutions. They often tell savers they are instructed only to issue one certificate a year by the Revenue. This is not the case, the controller of Inland Revenue East told the saver.

The tax official also points out that the Revenue does not have the power to insist such statements are issued in all instances. While financial institutions have to be mindful of their duty of customer care, there is no standard practice for issuing statements at the year-end and on request. While the Revenue has made clear that requests from investors must be answered, some institutions say their computer systems cannot cope with issuing interim certificates. This is a well used excuse when in a tight corner and not worthy of leading institutions.

Watchdog makes a pitch for investors

The insurance industry's ombudsman suggests people should turn the tables on salesmen, and question them about their commissions. Lindsay Cook reports



COMPLAINTS about life insurance and long-term investment policies outnumbered all other problems dealt with by Julian Farrand, the insurance ombudsman, last year, and are the fastest growing category.

Such is Dr Farrand's concern about sales practices and the poor standard of documentation of some salesmen that he has suggested investors should protect themselves by asking their own questions and noting down the answers.

Salesmen are supposed to find out from the customer details of their personal financial background so that they can make sure that only suitable investments are sold. However, when these factfinds are called for by the ombudsman, they are often sorely lacking.

Dr Farrand therefore suggests his own "reverse factfind" for investors. Such questions as "How much commission do you get?" "Whose agent are you?" "What charges will be made for managing my money?" "Will I do better in a building society?" and "Could I lose my money?" are suggested by the ombudsman.

The question of why the particular investment was being recommended could round off such a factfind, the ombudsman said. If salesmen would fill in such forms, most of the commonest disputes about oral assurances would be resolved quickly.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, director general of fair trading, is expected to recommend to the Chancellor in the next two weeks that investors should be told how much commission is paid to all salesmen. More than two years ago, Sir Gordon Borrie, his predecessor, persuaded Peter Lilley, the then trade secretary, that such information should be provided for customers by independent financial advisers. Since then, a review of the selling of investment products has been carried out by the Securities and Investments Board and the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation. These bodies, which represent the investment industry, have been against full disclosure, saying it would confuse investors, that it would be unfair to independent salesmen if they alone had to reveal this information, and even that it was irrelevant.

Now Sir Bryan's report is expected to recommend that both independents and tied salesmen should give this information.

Currently, independent advisers are obliged to give the information if asked. However, most investors are unaware of their rights. Those that do ask can get fobbed off with the excuse that it is not possible to say. One reader had to contact one of the largest independent financial advisers three times before she was told that the company would receive more than £4,000 if she went ahead and invested all her savings in the plan it suggested.

The Chancellor will rule whether the surrender values that the industry wants to give investors at the point of sale are sufficient to guide the public as to how much of their money is actually invested in long-term investment policies. It is then likely to take more than a year before any new regulations are implemented. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, was concerned that life assurance complaints had risen by more than 300 per cent in the past four years and that pension complaints increased by 394 per cent over the same period. Last year, 1,432 cases involving life assurance and investments were dealt with by the ombudsman. This was 32 per cent of the complaints handled.

> Many elderly people have claimed the risks of home income plans were not explained

This was further evidence that self-regulation had failed to serve the consumer effectively, Mr Brown said. He backs full disclosure of charges in cash terms before the sale and says there should be more information on charges on the annual statements sent to policyholders.

In the meantime, the ombudsman has the job of sorting out misunderstandings. Not all are down to the salesmen. In some circumstances, information on finances may be missing because the investor was a little coy about his or her earnings. In such cases, the salesman should persuade the customer to initial the uncompleted sections. This would prevent policyholders saying later that they had not been asked, and that the salesman should have known that they could not afford the pension that was sold. Dr Farrand dealt with one case where a young woman was sold a large amount of life cover. The relevant section of her factfind was blank. He decided that the reason such a large amount of cover had been taken was that over-selling had been involved.

On another form, the attitude to investment risk section was blank on a factfind. The policyholder argued that a with-profits policy should have been sold and not the riskier unit-linked contact. The blank space on the form did not help the insurance company in its argument that the investment had been properly sold.

Many elderly people have claimed that the risks of home income plans involving investment bonds were not explained to them when they took out loans on their homes to buy the bonds. Since they took out the plans, the value of their homes has fallen, the loan rate has risen and fallen, and the value of the bond has fallen. Of the 220 cases referred since 1990, about a third have been settled. About £1 million has been awarded. This works out at an average £55,000, with the largest payment being £108,000.

The ombudsman includes in his awards amounts for distress. The largest payment for this was £5,000. Under the investors' compensation scheme, which pays out for the home income plan investors of insolvent brokers, the compensation limit is £48,000, with no payment for distress.

When it comes to investment claims, the ombudsman finds in favour of the claimant in 42 per cent of cases. Some of the others may be withdrawn because the company offers to settle when more information becomes available. This compares with an average revision rate of 31.5 per cent for all cases handled.

Royal claimants face loadings

HOUSEHOLDERS who make claims on contents or buildings insurance can find that their insurance premiums rise the next year twice over (Lindsay Cook writes).

Their premiums will be increased to take account of the insurer's claims in their postal district. In addition, they may be surcharged for their own claims experience.

Royal Insurance says that it has always applied this way of pricing policies. But a spokesman added that it may have been more vigilant as claims have risen. He said that it was a widespread practice in the insurance industry.

One reader has had his premiums loaded by 25 per cent, in addition to the general increase charged to people living in his area, after making a claim last year for water damage to carpets. He complains that the loading makes it difficult for him to move to another company, as application forms ask if the householder has ever had any special terms applied by another company. When the applicant answers yes, most companies avoid them.

Some policyholders might not understand that they have to declare the higher premiums in answer to the special terms question and might find that another insurer does not pay out, should they make a claim, because a false declaration has been made.

When the reader asked Royal how long the loading would be applied, he was told that if his claims experience was reasonable, it could end after five years. When motorists lose no-claims discounts because of claims, there is a formalised move back to cheaper premiums over the subsequent years.

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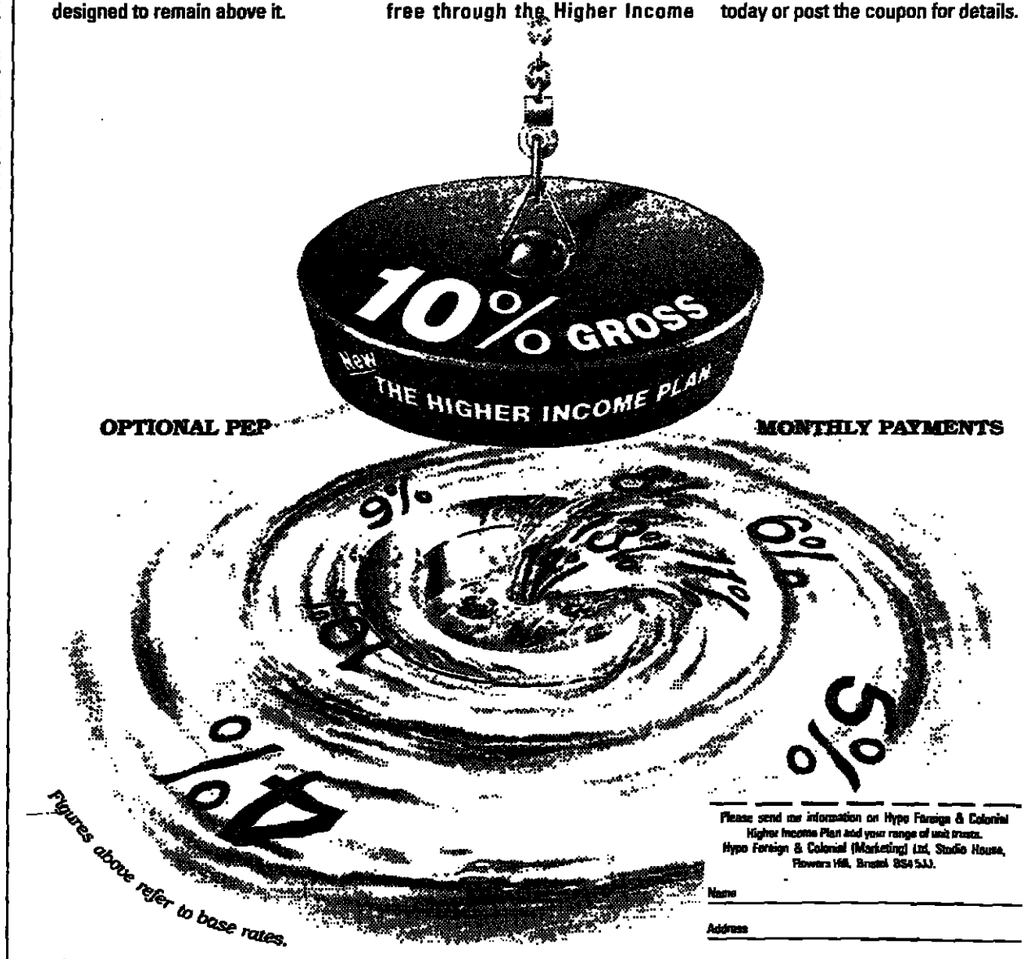
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Checking out loan protection cover

BY OUR MONEY EDITOR

BEING unemployed in the eyes of the social security department is not enough for one insurance company when it comes to paying out loans instalments covered by a payment protection policy.

Increasing numbers of policyholders are finding that they fall foul of the claims procedure when they need the money to pay mortgages or instalments of other loans, according to Julian Farrand, the ombudsman. In 1991, there were 118 complaints about loan protection insurance. By last year, this had tripled to 354.

Jackie McFarlane was made redundant last year, soon after taking out a £1,000 personal loan with Lloyds Bank. The General Accident policy was due to start paying in January. She received her first payment of £51 and was notified that it would be £70 in subsequent months. Ms McFarlane was then told that because of her part-time job, £9 a month would be deducted. But two days later, she received a letter saying that she was not eligible for the money because she spent three hours a week as a youth worker, which earns her £5 after tax, national insurance and the reduction in her benefit are taken into account.

She said: "The bank persuaded me to take out the insurance. They were fully aware that I had a part-time job. The DSS knows I have a part-time job. When I signed on today, I mentioned the problem I was having and they were surprised as they accept that I am unemployed."



Farrand: concern over sale methods

However, after Weekend Money intervened, the bank said GA would make an ex gratia payment. "Under the terms of the policy, the claimant must not be working at all," a spokeswoman said.

Ms McFarlane is now worried that the payments on her Bradford & Bingley mortgage may not be covered. She expects to start payments next month. "I get £43 a week in benefit," she said.

When Ms McFarlane took out the Lloyds' loan, she had been employed as a despatch office supervisor by the same firm for five years. She had not been unemployed before and thought she had taken adequate precautions to make sure that her loans were kept up if she lost her job.

Many others fall foul of the rigid rules for the cover. When policies were first sold in the mid-1980s, they cost £4 per £100 of mortgage payments a month and often paid out after 28 days of being unemployed. If the policyholder had to wait 90 days, the policy might pay out for up to two years. More recently, the cost has risen to £7 per £100 of cover, even for long-standing policyholders, and the benefits have been reduced.

The number of homebuyers and other borrowers taking out protection insurance has increased rapidly as the unemployment figures have climbed.

Many of the mortgage packages for first-time buyers make the cover compulsory and others pay the premiums for the first year.

The ombudsman is concerned at the way this type of insurance is sold. Often the main thing that the buyer is thinking about is getting the loan, while the salesmen are concerned with selling the loan.

The insurance is of secondary importance to both and, because of this, misunderstandings arise about what it will cover. Some lenders print leaflets, but they are not always given to policyholders.

The requirements of the Association of British Insurers' code of practice meant that the seller should explain exactly what was covered and what was excluded when the policy was taken out, not when a claim was made.

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Abbey revives accounts for charities

By Sara McConnell

ABBEY National's investment account for charities will be relaunched this week. It says there will be "no charges for running the account and no hidden penalties".

Banks have come under fire for treating charities like small businesses and charging them for depositing and drawing cheques. However, charities that need current account facilities will still be at the mercy of their bank manager because the Abbey's account is a savings account, with no cheque book or overdraft facility.

The account will pay a rate of 4.3 per cent gross on balances of £500 to £5,000, 4.5 per cent on £5,000 to £10,000, 4.75 per cent on £10,000 to £25,000, 5.1 per cent on £25,000 to £500,000 and a maximum 6.5 per cent on balances higher than this.

Charities have instant access to their funds, with limits of £15,000 by cheque and £250 cash a day. They may also make free telegraphic transfers to any UK or foreign bank. The Abbey is mailing 8,000 registered charities with details of the new account.

The bank said it had no plans to open a current account specially for charities. Other high street banks do offer charities some concessions on current accounts in the form of lower charges or even free banking while in credit.

However, whether charities qualify for this normally depends on whether their local bank manager considers they are using the account a lot. If so, they could be charged the same rates as small businesses.

Midland is the only one of the big clearers to offer a special account to small charities. The first 25 transactions in any one quarter are free. Thereafter, each debit item costs 74p. Larger charities that make greater use of their accounts have to negotiate individually with their bank.

Barclays said that if charities were charged at all they would be charged as small businesses — a monthly sum of £6 for the privilege of having the account as well as a charge of 66p every time cheques are drawn or deposited.

There is a charge of £5 a quarter for unauthorised overdrafts and interest is charged at 15 per cent over base rate, that is, 21 per cent. Authorised borrowings are negotiable. The bank said: "If there was low activity on the account there would be no charge."

Lloyds expects its managers to use discretion, depending on whether the charity is well known or "the local scout group". Large charities with many transactions are most likely to be hit with charges because it would make more administrative work. Charities deemed to be small businesses pay £2.50 a month standing charge and 75p every time they pay in or draw cheques.

At NatWest, charities that count as businesses are charged 64p a time for transactions. There is also a quarterly charge of £6.

TONY WHITE



"People are concerned, the last thing they want when they are pensioners is uncertainty": Maurice Williams, a trustee of the British Rail Pension Fund and a former BR employee

Guarding pension assets

MEMBERS of company pension schemes should keep trustees "on their toes" and ask them for regular evidence that employer and employee contributions have been correctly paid over (Sara McConnell writes).

Growing numbers of smaller companies struggling in the recession are still failing to pay over contributions they are contracted to make, said Andrew Cheeseman, director, client services, at the Alexander Consulting Group. Mr Cheeseman, who serves on the termination committee at the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (Opas), advising people on their pensions rights, said there was usually no intention to defraud employees. "The companies are not actively dipping their hands into existing assets, but they are breaking their contract with the employee."

Money in the pension fund should not be used to pay off company debts. If a company goes into liquidation, pensioners already receiving payments are at the top of the list of creditors. Those still working are lower down the list.

If a company collapses and is found not to have been paying over contributions for its employees they can claim up to one year's arrears from the National Insurance Fund.

Members of company schemes have a right to annual statements of benefits. But the onus is on the member to ask for a statement.

Meanwhile, trustees of the British Rail Pension Fund Company will meet John MacGregor, transport secretary, on Tuesday. Hundreds of thousands of pensioners who used to work for industries now due for privatisation could be worse off if the government continues with plans to take over part of the assets of their pension funds.

Maurice Williams, a trustee of the British Rail Pension Fund and a former British Rail employee, said: "People are concerned — the last thing they want when they are pensioners is uncertainty."

Owning up to the twee and the staid

By Liz Dolan

CREATIVITY is not the homeowner's strong suit when it comes to choosing house names, according to the Halifax Building Society.

Since the society's first house-name survey in 1988, the top three choices have remained the same: The Bungalow, followed by The Cottage and Rose Cottage.

Newer homeowners are not much braver. The ubiquitous Bungalow again heads their top three, followed by Orchard House and The Willows. Perhaps in response to such lack of ingenuity, the trend to personalise houses appears to be diminishing. Although one in every 15 homes has a name, only one in 19 families whose homes are less than five years old have bothered to name them, the Halifax says.

There are strong regional differences. People in the South East are most likely to plump for the twee and the rustic. London boasts "an unlikely number of cottages," while Pooh Corner and Toad Hall are often to be found alongside Badgerswood, Squirrel's Leap and Magpies.

The southwesterner's traditional wanderlust often expresses itself in the exotic Bali Hai and Bellavista, as well as Journey's End and Rainbow's End. Dunroamin, however, usually figures only in Scotland, the South East and Yorkshire. East Anglians are keen to deny the flatness of their landscape. Windmills, the Broads and other indigenous features are ignored in favour of Hill House, Hill Cottage and Hillcrest.

The Northern Irish rarely bother to name their homes. In contrast, the Welsh display a passionate preoccupation with their own culture. The top four are all Welsh: Brynawel (breezy hill), Cartref (home), Tynewydd (new house) and Brynhyfryd (splendid hill).

The Halifax concludes that British homeowners like a home that they can call their own. However, although it admits that house names interest many would-be purchasers, it rarely includes them on property details as "they are often individual in taste and can be off-putting".

Tackling equity trap

TWO MORE mortgage lenders are trying to boost sagging lending rates with schemes aimed at freeing potential home movers caught in a negative equity trap (Liz Dolan writes).

HMC's Equity Replacement loan is aimed largely at "sensible and reliable borrowers" who have amassed further savings since buying their home, or who have taken out a separate loan to cover the existing mortgage, but still do not have enough money to pay the deposit on a new property.

The company is waiving its normal 95 per cent mortgage ceiling for people in this position. They may now borrow up to 100 per cent of the new property's value, provided they have a good monthly payment record.

Loans of up to £150,000 are available to people who have lived in their present homes for at least two years. Since house prices have fallen, homebuyers will probably be able to find a bigger property for the same amount as they paid for their present home two or more years ago, HMC says. All HMC borrowers stand to benefit from a two-stage cut in the currently variable rate of 9.95 per cent to 7.69 per cent by April 1.

Citibank is now giving existing customers the opportunity to step up monthly payments to rebuild equity in their properties more quickly.

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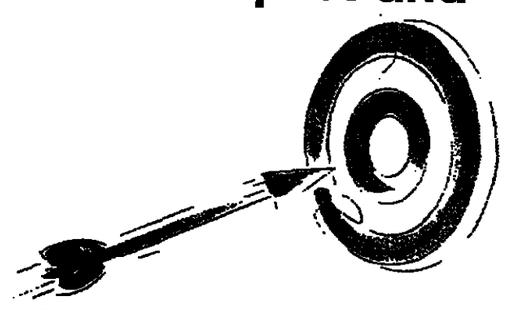
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Soldiering on for a return of £400

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

THE television advertisements for Legal & General showing a woman dancing for joy after receiving a cheque from the insurance company do not go down too well with Brigadier Nigel Sturt.

He too, received a cheque earlier this month from Legal & General after 44 years of paying £1.54 a month. For his investment of £813.12 he received back £1,278.60.

However, within a week, he received a cheque from General Accident for £15,830.30. This was for a £2.50 a month policy taken out with Yorkshire Insurance 37 years ago. Yorkshire has since been taken over by General Accident. That policy had cost £1,110 in premiums.

He took out the first policy as a 21-year-old second lieutenant. "I was a 12 shillings a day man, which meant that 30 shillings a month was quite a lot," he said.

"The difference between the two is so startling that I contacted Legal & General and received a letter explaining that when the policy was taken out the bonus on the policy was limited to a maximum of 1.9 per cent a year."

Expressed another way, this was a 38 shilling policy, in that a bonus of up to that amount was paid each year. Although the brigadier was told in December he would receive a terminal bonus, none was forthcoming. His payment was £585 for the sum assured and £693.60 for the guaranteed additions. His type of policy did not earn a terminal bonus, it was later explained.

The letter telling him of the additional bonus was sent in error. The company explained that no reference to the terminal bonus was made on proposal forms until 1971. These were not paid on "guaranteed additions" policies, which is what his policy became in 1954. The amount of the annual bonuses was on the original proposal form. In 1954, the company decided that those investors who had bought such policies should continue to get the 1.9 per cent a year instead of the bonuses being paid on the then new fangled with-profits policies. The brigadier was on active service and cannot recall receiving the notification of the resolution. However, the company says in its letter this month: "I do not think that this special resolution could be held to have altered your policy in any adverse way because it reinforced your right to continue receiving the bonus rate on which your policy was originally effected as guaranteed additions."

It added that "the only essential difference that it created was that you were entitled to exactly 1.9 per cent per annum thereafter, whereas, up to that time, it was always possible for reversionary bonus rates to fall". Policyholders could make their existing policies paid up and take out a new with-profits policy.

To guarantee the interest on the existing policies the company strengthened its reserves by over £2.5 million in 1954. However, this was not needed. The brigadier is unhappy that after the decision in 1954, the company did not tell policyholders that they would be better off in another policy.

He says that when he took out the two policies he made it clear he wanted a long-term savings plan to mature at his 65th birthday. He had no dependants at the time. Since then, he has married and has four children and four grandchildren.

"I just could not understand why the sum from Legal & General was so small. The company had never said there would be no terminal bonus or suggested that I should cancel it and start again. I have asked for the value of the policy several times over the years."

If he had changed to a with-profits policy with a sum assured of £585 in May 1954, his payout would have been £8,731.80 this May.

The brigadier retired yesterday from his second career as a bursar for a group of independent schools in Shrewsbury. He is glad that he invested with several insurance groups for his retirement.



JOHN POTTER

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Making the most of direct debits

BY OUR MONEY EDITOR

BANK staff are being educated on the finer points of the direct debit system so that they can deal with any queries from customers.

Bankers Automated Clearing Services (BACS) is keen to encourage the use of direct debits. They are cheaper for the banks to operate and the companies that use them are guaranteed their payments on time. Some companies, such as Marks and Spencer, offer lower interest rates to customers who make payments by these automated debits.

Although the number of direct debits passed the one billion mark last year, bank customers still have a love-hate relationship with them. Weekend Money gets large numbers of complaints from readers who have had payments taken a day or so early, causing them to be overdrawn because they are taken before their wages or pensions are paid into their bank accounts.

Others complain that the payments are not taken and insurance policies lapse or they find themselves in arrears with their mortgages.

Richard Tyson-Davies, head of public affairs at the Association of Payment Clearing Services (APCS), said: "Direct debits should be taken on or after the date specified on the mandate. It does not matter if it is a bank holiday weekend. If a payment is due on Good Friday, it should not be taken until the Tuesday after Easter. If it is taken early then the bank should make good the situation."

Similarly, if the wrong amount is taken in error, the bank should immediately refund the payment, Mr Tyson-Davies said. To make sure this always happens in the future, training programmes on direct debits are being carried out by banks and building societies, assisted by BACS and APCS.

The two organisations expect an increase in demand as in the next few weeks 100 million invitations to pay by direct debit are being sent to householders between now and May from banks, utilities and insurance companies.

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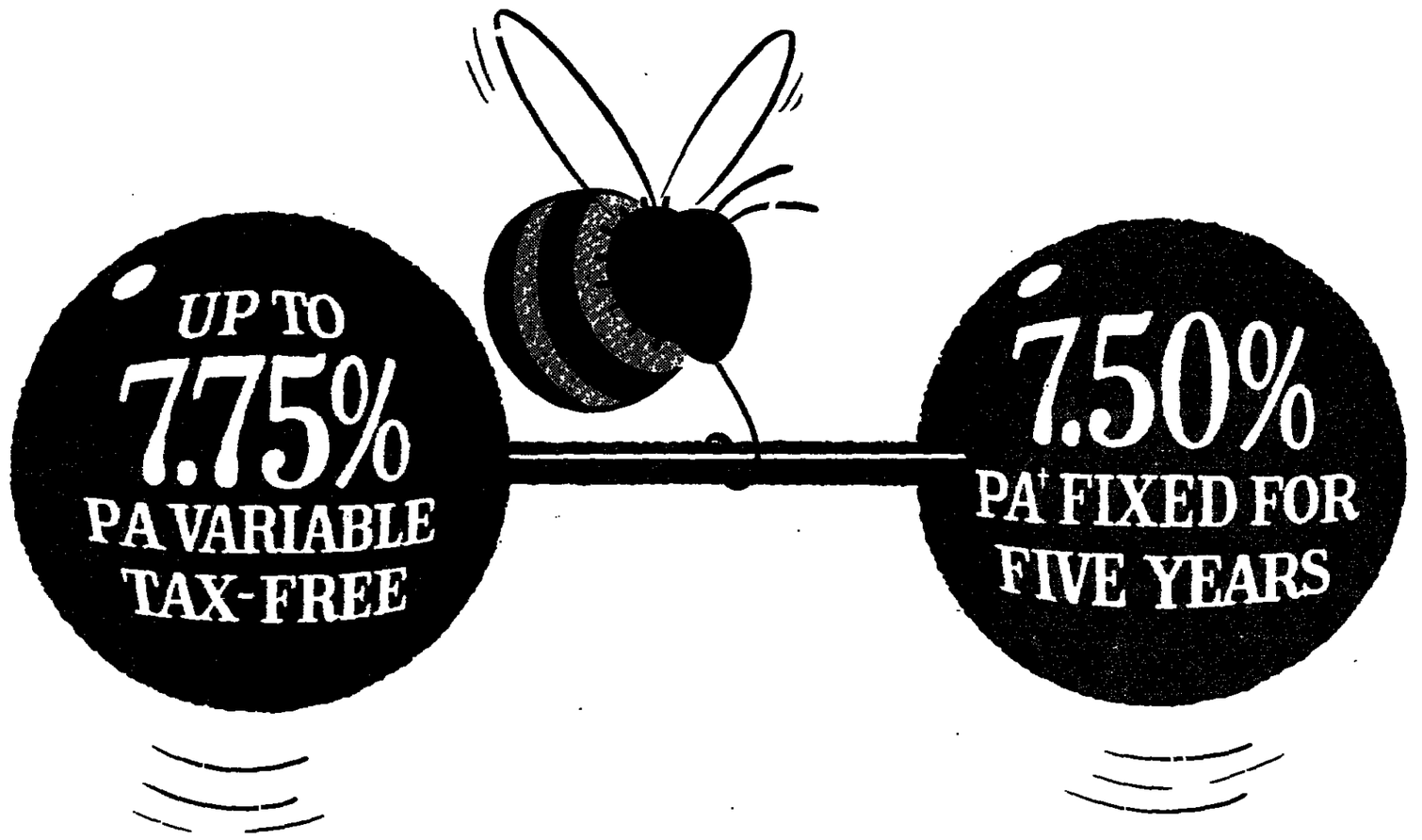
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Bumpy ride on the dragon

BY RUPERT BRUCE

CHINA has some of the hottest stock markets around. Over the past year, they have been among the world's top performers and countless China funds have been launched. But investors would be wise to remember that a ride on the dragon will be a bumpy one.

Take Thornton Management's offshore New Tiger Selections China Fund. Its value has risen by more than 70 per cent in sterling terms since last July. However, more than half of that is due to fortunate currency movements. Within that period, it has risen by 20 per cent in some weeks and fallen 10 per cent in others.

There are other hazards too: China has no uniform accounting standards; there is little stock market regulation; poor liquidity means shares can be difficult to buy and sell; and rampant economic growth is stoking fears of dangerously high inflation.

Nevertheless, the markets' performance has been excellent. In dollar terms, share prices in China rose by 110 per cent in 1992, according to the International Finance Corporation. Behind this lies a vibrant economy. Earlier this month, the Chinese government announced the economy, measured by gross domestic product, had grown by 12.8 per cent in 1992.

Encouraged by excellent returns, investment managers have launched two UK unit trusts to invest in China, one UK life fund, one UK pension fund, five offshore funds, and four funds based in Luxembourg. The last of these launches took place at the beginning of this month when Save & Prosper's China Dragon Fund, a UK unit trust, attracted about £10 million in two weeks. Unlike the offshore and Luxembourg-based funds, China Dragon Fund, as a UK unit trust, cannot invest more than 10 per cent of its portfolio in China's stock markets. The Securities and Investments Board, the UK financial regulator, does not recognise China's stock markets. But Margaret Gadow, the China Dragon Fund's London-based manager, contends that the restriction does mean an automatic disadvantage.

She says that the economies of Hong Kong and China are intertwined. So she will invest mainly in Hong Kong companies that do business in China and the increasing number of Chinese companies listing in Hong Kong and other key stock markets. Investing through Hong Kong has its advantages, she adds. It avoids the regulatory, accounting, and other problems associated with China's fledgling Shenzhen and Shanghai exchanges. "There are many companies in Hong Kong that are very exposed to Chinese trade where you probably sleep a little better at night because you know what the management is like, you know what regulations the company has to adhere to, and you can be certain of the accounting ...

"I would say that the growth all over southern China has got to be quite comparable, but that the volatility and risk has got to be greater in China at the moment."

Albert Kan, Hong Kong-based manager of Thornton's China Fund, said: "I think it is still worth buying China funds if you are looking to the long term. I think the economy is still going in the right direction although there may well be some setbacks."



Spelling it out: Margaret Gadow, of China Dragon Fund

Mortgage landmark by Bristol & West

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

THE cheapest mortgage rate since July 1955, when Marilyn Monroe was starring in *The Seven Year Itch*, is promised next year for Bristol & West customers who choose the society's Cascade mortgage, to be launched on March 5.

The mortgage starts at 5.99 per cent and declines in three stages to 4.99 per cent over the next 18 months. All mortgage-payers must hope that in setting these rates, the society will again predict the pattern for all variable mortgages.

B&W first introduced the Cascade mortgage in November 1990 for existing borrowers, when variable mortgage rates were at 14.5 per cent. Then the offer cut rates by 3 percentage points over the following year. For seven months borrowers were below the variable mortgage rate, for three months they were 0.05 per cent above, and for three months the payments were the same. The current Cascade mortgage is 5.99 per cent for the first six months until the end of August. There is a £300 arrangement fee and borrowers must take buildings and contents insurance with B&W.

Going for growth

WORLD markets are currently in the same position as British Rail threatens to be after privatisation. NatWest Securities says in its latest annual survey of investment trusts. That is to say, there be no "through tickets" for investors this year (Liz Dolan writes).

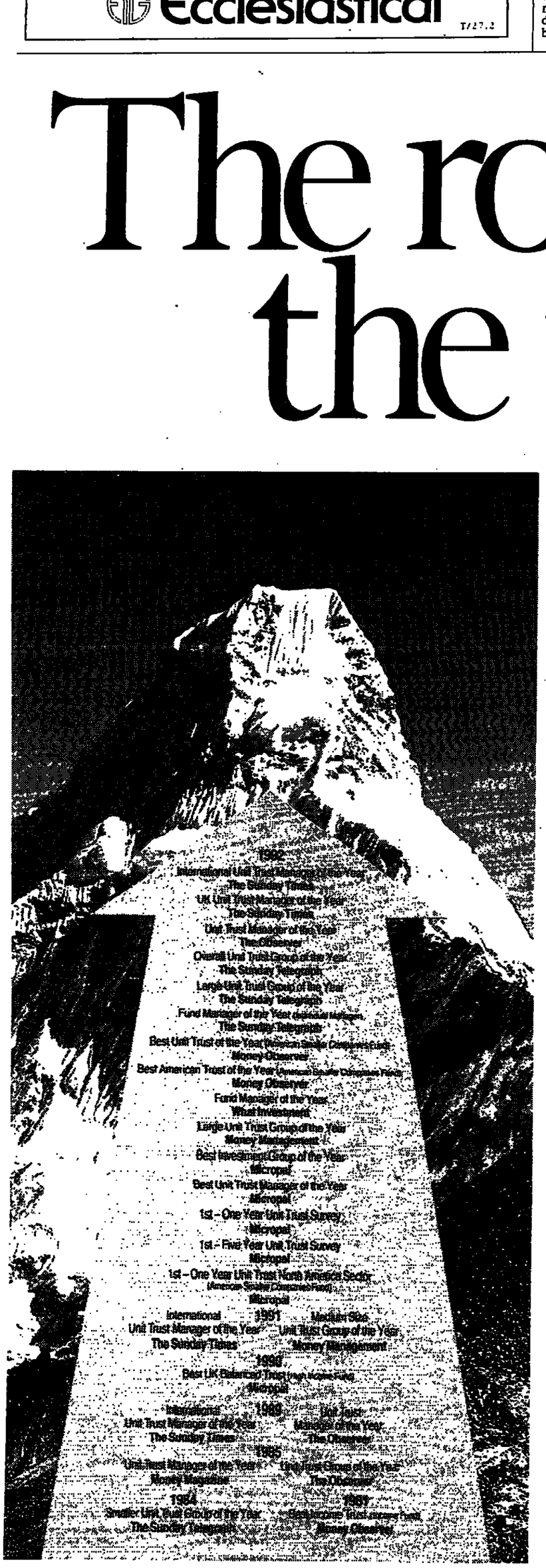
"One cannot simply say: 'Buy the UK', or 'Buy Japan' as one has sometimes been able to do in the past. Instead, one must seek growth when, and where, it is to be found," Hamish Buchan and Robin Angus, the authors, say.

They advise investors to choose trusts with the flexibility to transfer funds into growth stocks, recovery stocks or overseas stocks, as circumstances dictate. Trusts selected should also have the freedom to borrow money in order to exploit fresh opportunities as they arise.

With these strictures in mind, NatWest's investment trust team is particularly keen on Anglo & Overseas, Foreign & Colonial, Monks, or Scottish Investment. Scottish Eastern, Scottish Mortgage, Fleming Overseas and Kleinwort Overseas are also favoured. The team is more cautious than many other market commentators about the much-heralded smaller companies' revival.

However, while they say that the hoped-for recovery may not materialise this year, they accept that smaller companies should enjoy "at least their full share ... and perhaps more" of any upturn in the UK market as a whole.

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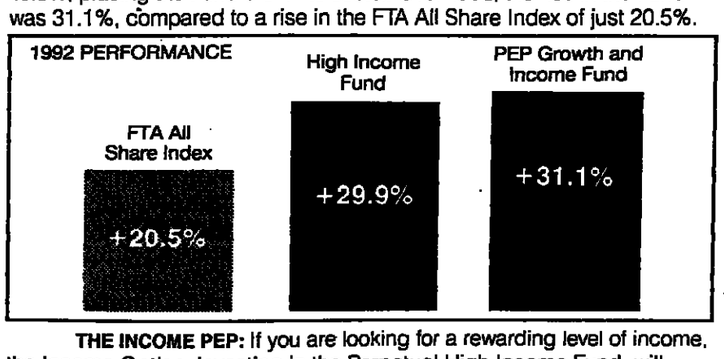
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Finding a way through the maze of independent financial advice

In an occasional series, **Tom Tickell** looks at how not to make mistakes with investments



ATTACKING independent financial advice is like denouncing motherhood or the work ethic. Nice people do not do it. The real snag is that financial advice can be free or independent, but can rarely be both.

Admittedly, independent advisers should give better advice than salespeople who work for only one company and can only recommend its contracts.

But independent advisers still do better by recommending investment bonds than unit trusts and unit trusts than investment trusts. What is more, the commission levels can vary from company to company.

Originally, all advisers were committed to providing the "best advice", although defining that is like trying to pin down a cloud by the corners. The regulators at the Financial Intermediaries, Managers & Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra), have recently softened that commitment to "suitable advice", which seems to allow for at least a smidgeon of bias.

Spotting worst advice is easy. It takes its classic form in "churning" as people are recommended to cash in existing investments or life insurance plans "to make a fresh start".

That allows anyone suggesting it to earn a new amount of commission on the replacement contracts they sell. Investors lose out because charges on all but a tiny number of investment schemes come at the front. So the earlier an investor pulls out, the worse he or she does.

Churning is forbidden, and is more likely among the direct salesmen than among advisers. After all, plenty of people take up an insurance career in selling only to find themselves leaving after six months. But it is worth treating anyone who recommends new policies for old with suspicion, whoever they are.

But assume no such advice appears, perhaps because the customer is young and wants to buy his or her first life policy. Advisers do badly by recommending "term insurance", which covers the risk of death for fixed periods of perhaps ten, 15 or 25 years, with no returns if the policyholder survives. They will be far richer by recommending a 25-year endowment.

Advisers occasionally pretend that reality is different. The actual proportion of the premiums that go to the adviser on a term policy will be higher than on most other contracts.

But as the policy is very cheap, it will not produce much money in the adviser's bank account. However, endowment policies will. No one should reject long-term endowments automatically. But they need to recognise the bias that can push people towards them.

What are the pressures if an investor has a lump sum to invest? People will often find themselves steered into an investment bond, rather than a unit trust or investment trust.

> Some advisers see themselves as financial doctors giving people the right medicine

The bonds offer advisers at least 4 per cent of whatever is invested, and most will pay more than 5 per cent. Figures vary. In the past, insurance companies used to have a commissions agreement covering all their contracts, so there was no pressure on advisers to recommend one company's plan over another for financial reasons.

In a fit of idiocy, the Office of Fair Trading struck down the agreement as anti-competitive.

What is wrong with investment bonds anyway? Their big problem is that the investor has to pay capital gains tax (at a lower than usual rate) on the money in the fund. Concessionary rates sound wonderful until you reflect that very few people have to pay the tax anyway.

Unit trusts do not deduct money for a bill the investor probably will not have. But if they make more sense than investment bonds for most investors, they are far less attractive to the independent advisers. They will provide only 3 per cent in commission to people recommending them, not much more than half what the investment bonds will pay.

Investment trusts are bottom of the pops for many advisers. They are more flexible than unit trusts, for managers can borrow money and invest more widely than unit trusts can — although investment trusts can carry slightly higher risks.

Rewards for recommending investment trusts vary sharply. Some big groups such as Foreign & Colonial, Alliance and John Govett will pay little or no commission to outsiders at all.

New entrants to the business such as M&G and Fidelity are more commercial.

If an investment is made after a recommendation from an independent adviser, the investor can "choose" to pay him up to 3 per cent of the total.

With all these pressures, how can an investor be sure no nasty financial bias skews the advice? The simple answer is to pay fees. Advisers sometimes recommend people do that, emphasising that they will offset any commission they get against what has been paid.

That does not destroy any chance of bias. If the commission is higher than the fees, as it usually will be, advisers can still make more money from one recommendation than another. So you are back to square one.

Few advisers depend entirely on fees, but the number is growing and many will work on either a fee or commission basis according to the wish of the investor.

Advice, even with a potential for bias, is better than no advice at all. But no company pays commission as a philanthropic gesture.

Some independent advisers like to see themselves as financial doctors, giving people the right investment medicine to keep them in fine wealth indefinitely. But doctors do not get paid according to the medicine they recommend.

Saving on inspection of deeds

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

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LETTERS

Pensioning off initial commission

From Mr Iain Polley

Sir, I was appalled by Mr Buckingham's letter (February 20) about the commission paid on his £20,000 pension contribution.

His letter implied that the contribution was a single, i.e. one-off, lump sum of £20,000. The correct commission for which is 5 per cent, i.e. £1,000. This is a standard charge for the majority of pension plans, and would be charged whether he dealt direct or through a financial adviser.

However, 42.11 per cent commission is correct if there is a regular commitment to contribute £20,000 per year for at least 15 years. The pension office will have received £300,000 from him in that time; hence the commission amounts to 2.8 per cent of the anticipated contributions. Commission is paid at the outset, but would be clawed back if the contributions ceased within 18 months. I am writing to put the record straight, because there is a great deal of exaggerated emphasis on initial commission in the media, without a full explanation of how the system works.

If his pension plan is for a regular annual contribution of £20,000 over 15 years, his letter to *The Times* was misleading to any readers. If on the other hand, he genuinely believes he was making a one-off lump-sum contribution of £20,000, then he has been misled by his financial adviser, and he should take the matter up with Lautro or Fimbra.

Yours faithfully,
IAIN POLLEY
(Partner),
Lethbridge Securities,
Independent Financial Advisers,
4 Belvedere Road,
Taunton,
Somerset.

State pension means testing is here already

From Mrs Dena Arnaud,

Sir, Regarding your article in Weekend Money (February 13) my January notice of tax coding leads me to think that Mr Lilley has already devised a form of means testing for the state pension.

My notice of coding indicates that — I quote from the form: "in line with changes to be announced in the Budget" — my widow's state pension of £3,800 is set against my age related personal tax allowance of £4,200, leaving me an allowance of £380.

I have a widow's pension of £4,500 from my husband's teachers' superannuation, and a similar pension of my own from my superannuation. I can perhaps be deemed not to "need" the state pension. The fact remains that all were paid for by contributions exacted from salary. My form does not tell me at what rate tax is to be extracted. If my personal allowance is reduced by the amount of my state widow's pension I shall be paying an extra £1000 of tax — or, put another way, my state pension will be reduced by £1000.

As most of the Conservative voters I know are in this position — ie the state pension giving them a little slack to spend, I wonder how wise a move this is? In my own small country town quite a lot of income will drain to London. We are the people who spend money locally, albeit in a small way — employing tradesmen from time to time, using local services.

Presumably other pensioners will have been studying their notices of tax coding.

Yours faithfully,
DENA ARNAUD,
Rosemount,
Keith,
Grampian.

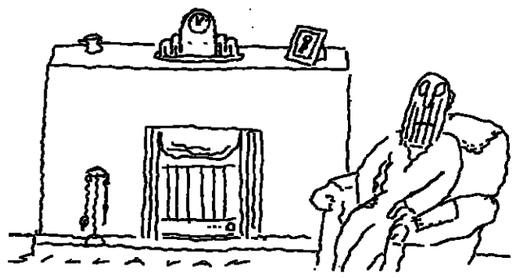
Charges take the shine off Peps

From Mr Peter Royle

Sir, You are quite right: Peps are expensive. Any would-be punter should realise that charges are a percentage of the total invested, while tax relief is on the income. Thus, for a standard-rate taxpayer, a fund with an annual charge of 1 per cent plus VAT would have to return 4.7 per cent before tax just to break even — before paying initial charges.

Of course, there is no liability for capital gains tax. So, if you regularly pay CGT and are a higher-rate income tax payer, Peps could be for you. Anyone else should remember, charges are guaranteed while returns are speculative.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROYLE,
17 Woodfield Road,
Solihull.



Expensive credit card mistakes

From Mrs Sylvia R. Hartnell-Beavis

Sir, K. Bibby is lucky to receive such a small charge for his £8 oversight (February 20). Our December Bank of Scotland Visa account was several hundred pounds, most of which was paid by direct debit.

I went to our building society to withdraw the balance in good time for it to arrive before the due date.

Unfortunately, the cashier heard only the pounds I had requested and left the 74p off the end of the cheque which she made out. It seemed churlish to ask her to redraw it for such a small amount, so I sent it as it stood.

Imagine my horror when our January Visa account arrived with interest of £14.67 added.

At 1.8 per cent per month, we would have needed to owe £815 to incur this amount of interest.

This was neither the amount to be paid by cheque, nor even the initial amount that we owed, so its calculation leaves me puzzled and angry.

I have telephoned and written to them, but have so far heard nothing. But I have paid the account in full, including the interest charge, just in case they send me an even more horrendous shock next time.

I've worked it out that the interest charged on 74p for one month was at 2,000 per cent, so on £14.67 they'd be looking for £293.40. I'm not taking any chances!

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA R.
HARTNELL-BEAVIS,
Chapel Lane Cottage,
Blackford,
near Yeovil,
Somerset.

From Mr Peter J. R. Bradley

Sir, I now know why the credit card company is called Access. It is charging £5.11 interest on a cleared balance of £206.10 at a rate of 1.8 per cent.

The cheque had been cleared by my own bank before the "payment received" date on my Access account. Watch it Midland. Sorry, I forgot, computer error!

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. R. BRADLEY
(Chartered Architect),
14 Well Street,
Buckingham.

Both banks have this week refunded the interest.

☐ Letters are welcomed, but *The Times* regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns and independent professional advice should be sought.

Granny bonds to preserve pensioners' savings

From Mr M.J. Dawson

Sir, I wonder if you would like to bring the considerable weight of your column to bear upon the following points.

Hundreds of thousands of pensioners, especially those over 70, retired with an old-age pension and little or nothing else by way of a private pension.

Aware of this, many saved through building societies during their working lives, looking to the building society interest to help them through their retirement.

With the violent drop in interest rates, their funds are being telescoped. Worry is setting in, and some are beginning to break into their capital.

The Chancellor will know the circumstances of everyone via income tax returns. The introduction of a selective granny bond scheme for elderly pensioners with retirement pensions only would also probably help to put some money back into the economy. Not over five years for a scheme. Many pensioners will not live to see it.

Yours faithfully,
M.J. DAWSON,
16 Rookery Avenue,
Grimsby,
South Humberside.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.98	3.98	3.18	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.84	3.84	3.07	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.09	3.09	2.47	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Bnch
"	3.28	3.28	2.62	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Bnch
Midland	4.03	4.03	3.22	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528656
" " "	3.98	3.98	3.18	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528656
NatWest	3.67	3.67	2.94	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	3.56	3.56	2.85	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1600
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.48	3.54	2.83	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.66	1.69	1.51	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	5.40	5.54	4.43	2,000‡	none	0800 559564
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528656
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	5.63	5.63	4.50	10,000 min	Postal	——
Cheltenham & Gl	6.00	6.00	4.80	25,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.29	5.29	4.23	40,000 min	90 day	——
Halifax	5.70	5.70	4.56	50,000 min	90 day	——
Leeds Permat	5.81	5.81	4.85	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	6.00	6.00	4.80	25,000 min	Postal	——
Nottingham	5.86	5.86	4.68	50,000 min	30 day	——
Holmesdale Brit	6.19	6.19	4.95	75,000 min	60 day	——
Scarborough	6.26	6.26	5.01	50,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	6.45	6.45	5.16	50,000 min	1 year	——
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-50,000	3 mth	0253 66151
6th Index Linkd*	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-100,000	8 days	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	5.20	5.20	4.42	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
General Portfolio	5.60	5.60	4.76	50,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
General Portfolio	6.20	6.20	5.27	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
General Portfolio	6.50	6.50	5.53	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
General Portfolio	6.80	6.80	5.78	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (Jan 92-93)	+1.7%	Spanish Pesetas:	161.50
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	7.69
Personal Loan	25%	Greek Drachmas:	311.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2195.00

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National Cnty	8.75	£3,262.50	90 days loss intst	£3,000	0372 742211
Tipton & Coly	8.65	£3,259.50	£20+7days notice	£1	021 5572561
Darlington	8.50	£3,255.00	28 days loss intst	£1	0325 467171
Allied Trust	8.10	£3,243.00	£25+2mths notice	£2,000	071 2839111
Cheshire	8.05	£3,241.50	£25	£3,000	0625 613612

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6	NMC Group	Paper,Print	
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8	TI	Industrial	
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11	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrial	
12	Close Bros	Banks,Disc	
13	Eldridge P 'A'	Breweries	
14	Concentric	Industrial	
15	Low & Bonar	Industrial	
16	News Corp	Newspapr,Pub	
17	Randfontein	Mining	
18	Tiphook	Transport	
19	Com Union	Insurance	
20	Compass Gp	Leisure	
21	Heath C E	Insurance	
22	ERF	Motors,Air	
23	Powerscreen	Industrial	
24	Watmough	Paper,Print	
25	Westland	Motors,Air	
26	Home Counts	Newspapr,Pub	
27	Courts Furnish	Drapery,Sts	
28	Minorco	Mining	
29	HSBC	Banks,Disc	
30	Utd Nwspaprs	Newspapr,Pub	
31	Ramco Oil	Industrial	
32	Willis Corroon	Insurance	
33	BT	Electrical	
34	Hazlewood Fds	Foods	
35	Macro 4	Electrical	
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14	4	Miskin Gp	4				
171	52	Mowlem (J)	88	-1	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	73				
165	90	Newman Tnks	128	-1	...	...	...
327	140	Persimmon	225	-2	8.6	5.1	18.5
36	19	Phoenix Timber	24				
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.7	8.9
158	66	Prowting	80	...	3.4	5.1	...
23	3	Quiligotti	5				
669	383	RMC Gp	606	+2	20.0	4.4	22.6
137	67	Raine Ind	114	-1	6.0	7.0	19.1
96	20	Ransom	23				
565	300	Redland	465	+3	25.0	7.2	28.9
101	61	Roskel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	226	-1	6.4	3.8	17.0
48	25	Sevrid-Rvra	33				5.9
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	80	...	4.0	6.7	...
142	70	Sheffield Insl	142	...	5.4	5.1	36.7
90	53	Sheriff Hldgs	89	...	...	3.0	13.3
86	53	Shorco	84				
272	188	Smart (J)	228	...	8.5	5.0	10.4
15	4	Starmin	5				
161	51	Tarmac	106	...	0.3	8.0	6.0
236	129	Tay Homes	186	+1	5.5	6.0	43.8
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	88	...	5.8	4.2	10.3
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	532	...	9.5	...	...
48	15	Torra Hire	23	...	33.0	8.3	17.5
226	105	Travis Perkins	181	...	...	2.3	...
58	20	Try Group	31	...	8.0	5.9	25.6
38	26	Tudor	26	...	6.0	...	4.2
106	45	Vibroplant	64	+1	3.6	7.5	11.8
55	12	Ward Hldgs	34				
43	23	Waterhouse	36				
475	265	Watts Blake	400	...	9.3	2.7	23.9
19	8	Wescol	13				
139	45	Westbury	117	...	...	5.5	...
18	4	West Scaffold	10				
22	2	Wiggins	5				
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	377	-3	8.7	3.1	19.3
221	96	Wilson (C)	157	-3	3.9	3.3	24.9
189	65	Wimpey G	135	-3	...	5.2	51.9
81	25	YRM	28	...	4.0	...	3.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
543	343	ADT	533	+13	...	...	...
248	193	Adam & Harvey	228	...	11.0	6.4	3.6
127	53	Air London	83	...	...	5.6	10.2
63	34	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
152	81	Auto Sec	139	+1	4.9	4.7	11.2
208	80	BET Ord	91	...	...	9.5	13.3
100	41	BNB Res	67				
318	208	BPP	313	...	4.9	9.8	7.9
295	178	Barbour Index	272	...	6.9	2.9	17.7
30	13	Boustead	17	...	7.2	3.6	20.2
231	111	Brit Data Mgt	228	...	0.7	5.5	34.8
14	9	Broadcastle	13	-2	...	2.3	19.0
101	58	Brooks Service	62	+1	4.0	...	19.8
142	72	CRT Gp	92	...	2.4	3.5	10.5
482	262	Capita Group	482	+7	6.3	1.8	...
36	19	Castel Plc	31	-1	0.5	2.2	11.8
270	25	Chiltern Capital	52				
39	22	Christie	28				
282	180	Chubb Sec	270	-1	...	1.4	29.8
43	18	Comact	32				
31	5	Corp Services	14				
123	48	Dart	75				
216	145	Davis Service	215	+4	3.3	5.0	8.5
115	85	EW Fact	97	...	7.9	4.9	16.3
57	8	Gardiner	13	...	...	5.9	7.2
48	20	Gardner (DC)	30	...	1.3	12.8	4.2
246	163	Hays	242	-1	4.6	2.5	23.8
251	167	Hogg Robinsn	200	-1	6.3	4.2	15.0
143	43	Holmes Protectn	68				
160	98	Hutch Whamp	160	+1	...	...	17.2
£11	6637	ISS B DKr	£109			1.0	15.5
605	375	Inchcape	605	+7	12.5	2.8	25.7
785	561	Johnson Clean	784	...	25.7	4.4	16.3
18	2	Lep	9				
244	168	Mide Gp	224	-1	2.7	1.6	18.5
1187	682	Manpower	1137				
44	32	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.5	12.2
251	88	Penna	251	...	...	1.1	63.6
5	2	Prime People	3				
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	103	+1	19.5	25.2	2.2
453	355	RCO	420	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	RBA	118	...	4.0	4.5	...
87	48	Reed Executive	54				
165	117	Reliance Sec	145	...	...	4.1	14.6
13	4	Rentaminster	4				
227	134	Rentokil	227	+5	1.6	1.0	33.4
262	180	Rolfe & Nolan	262	+14	6.2	3.2	17.6
398	234	Salvesen (C)	398	+7	7.0	2.3	22.0
43	25	Scott Pickford	32	...	...	3.3	8.8
206	98	Securiguard	198	...	9.4	6.3	...
12	1	Select App	5				
768	555	Serco Gp	763	+5	11.9	2.1	24.5
350	132	Sherwd Cmpt	350	+34	...	2.3	9.4
157	82	Sketchley	115	...	3.0	3.5	14.0
360	270	Warner Howrd	348	...	5.9	2.3	19.7
81	40	Welpac	40	...	0.6	2.0	...
22	7	Wills Gp	21	...	...	0.7	27.5

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248	162	Allied Colloids	245	...	3.9	2.1	19.5
731	413	Amersham	727	...	12.5	2.3	27.0
31	5	Anglo Utd	5	...	0.8	...	...
9862	7362	BASF DM	9737	...	...	8.1	...
261	201	BTP	261	...	8.8	4.5	19.1
£119	9050	Bayer DM50	£115	...	...	4.9	...
248	126	Blagden	138	...	9.5	9.2	9.9
158	115	Brent Chems	151	+3	7.3	6.5	71.4
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	475				
95	13	Caird Gp	23				
179	112	Canning (W)	146	+3	2.5	14.7	5.9
616	371	Courtaulds	566	-2	7.2	6.7	11.7
270	142	Croda	253	+10	13.0	3.1	15.4
211	152	Ellis & Everard	187	+3	7.5	4.0	19.2
16	7	Euro Colour	15	...	7.0	5.0	17.0
139	43	Evode	138	...	0.6	5.6	...
281	171	Halstead (J)	281	...	3.5	3.5	...
227	158	Hickson	223	...	...	2.8	15.0
£114	7537	Hoechst	£111	...	7.8	4.7	14.2
1410	975	ICI	1208	...	7.1	...	...
687	434	Laporte	686	+55	...	6.2	32.0
328	138	Leigh	209	-1	18.9	3.7	18.2
290	11	MTM	14	+1	7.8	5.0	17.1
1687	1100	Norsk Hydro	1587	...	1.8	...	2.9
415	360	Paterson Zoch	415	...	...	1.8	...
395	355	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	3.7	17.0
301	231	Plysu	262	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
206	130	Porvair	205	...	6.0	3.1	17.6
13	4	Sutcliffe Speak	12	...	3.6	2.4	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	429				
445	270	Wolstenholme R	443	-1	16.0	5.0	17.2
390	245	Yorks Chem	373	...	16.3	4.9	19.5
295	214	Yule Catto	295	...	5.4	2.4	17.9

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
398	245	Abbey Ntl	398	+10	10.5	3.5	13.7
206	154	Allied Irish	206	+1	...	5.5	12.5
197	106	Aus New Z	164	...	...	5.5	...
3756	1906	Bankamerica	3759	+106	...	...	...
206	141	Bk of Ireland	206	+2	...	5.8	32.8
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	7.4	...
140	97	Bank Scotland	136	...	4.3	4.3	21.4
464	274	Barclays	424	+4	21.1	6.7	...
6	1	Benchmark	3				
204	28	Brown Shipley	36	-2			
21	10	Carlisle	17				
461	295	Cater Allen	459	...	26.0	7.6	...
107	61	Cattles	107	...	3.8	4.7	15.6
2225	912	Chase Manh	2193	+87	...	...	...
1850	537	Citicorp	1843	+25	...	...	...
330	205	Close Bros	330	+7	9.5	3.8	14.7
£118	8687	Commerzbk	£117				
£297	£214	Deutsche Bk	£297	...	...	3.4	...
81	11	First Nat Fin	78	...	...	2.1	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	1035				
425	230	Gerrard Nat	425	...	...	0.5	58.8
606	236	HSBC	601	+1	21.0	6.6	...
591	313	HSBC HK	587	+7	...	3.3	24.7
318	202	Hambros	313	+6	...	3.4	24.1
365	308	Joseph (L)	358	-1	13.8	5.9	13.9
130	54	King Shaxson	119	...	15.8	5.9	...
386	212	Kleinwort Ben	385	...	5.0	3.6	...
573	346	Lloyds	519	+6	16.0	5.7	...
79	40	Lon Scot Bk	78	...	...	4.7	7.2
396	258	Nat Aust Bk	396	+6	3.0	5.1	15.6
495	251	Nat West	447	+11	...	5.1	13.7
819	416	Provident	794	...	28.5	5.4	60.2
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	4.9	...
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	239	+1	8.8	1.5	...
1565	1043	Schroders	1595	...	18.0	4.8	...
672	364	Stand Chart	668	+15	20.0	1.5	18.5
179	115	TSB	172	+1	6.4	4.0	17.2
200	38	Union Disc	115	-1	13.5	5.0	...
635	403	Warburg SG	622	-6	18.0	3.9	18.4
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	214	...	...	3.8	...
7275	2087	Wells Fargo	7275	+537	...	1.4	...
162	99	Westpac	150	-2	...	5.4	...
253	188	Wintrust	203	...	9.3	6.2	7.7

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	79	-1	...	5.1	4.3
109	23	Amber Day	50	-1	8.3	13.7	
306	190	Argos Plc	274	+3	6.4	3.1	19.0
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	76	-1	0.1	0.2	79.5
305	180	Asprey	293	...	...	2.2	23.6
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	56.8
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	145	+2	5.7	5.3	13.9
144	74	Bentalls	114	...	3.8	4.5	64.3
266	86	Betterware	238	-2	...	0.7	32.8
114	22	Blacks Leis	25	...	3.3	...	5.2
371	133	Body Shop	153	+2	1.6	1.4	17.7
14	3	Brown & Jacksn	13				
361	260	Brown (N)	357	...	6.0	2.2	32.1
80	29	Burton	75	...	3.6	...	...
320	126	Cantors	142	...	...	2.5	18.9
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
135	58	Clinton Cards	134	-1	3.7	3.7	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	226	...	7.0	4.1	25.9
163	77	Colourvision	99	...	...	...	16.7
423	300	Courts Furnish	423	+9	5.0	1.6	21.2
252	100	Crown Eyes	130	...	...	6.2	6.0
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	101	-1	...	...	16.3
57	27	Dewhirst (I)	56	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
285	179	Dixons Grp	219	-1	6.0	3.7	25.8
495	355	Dunhill	375	-1	7.7	2.7	13.0
33	12	ERA Gp	14				6.5
780	480	Elys (Wmbldn)	495	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
115	36	Essex Furn	111	...	...	3.3	18.6
258	199	Etam	226	+1	6.6	3.9	20.2
558	340	Fine Art Dev	546	-1	11.0	2.7	21.0
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
40	5	French Conn	39	-1			
75	21	Gabbicci	37	-5	...	7.2	7.4
69	39	Gent SR	52	...	2.0	5.1	15.3
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	38	-1	1.8	...	...
2550	1800	GUS	2550	...	40.0	2.1	20.3
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1643	-13	40.0	3.2	13.1
75	30	Hampden Grp	35	...	...	7.6	5.0
283	123	Hartstone	217	-6	4.8	3.0	13.3
25	16	Helene Plc	23	-1	2.0	11.4	10.3
40	18	Heritage	40	+2			
58	25	Honeysuckle	55	+1	...	2.5	7.7
168	130	Hse of Lerose	137	...	10.3	10.0	20.8
195	40	Jacques Vert	64	...	2.0	...	...
582	398	Kingfisher	544	-12	...	3.4	16.3
74	54	Leslie Wise Gp	73	...	4.0	7.5	...
685	405	Liberty	658	...	7.2	1.5	44.8
373	162	Lloyds Chem	266	-1	5.5	2.8	10.4
152	90	MFI	126	+2	...	4.0	16.8
348	268	Marks Spencer	330	+2	7.1	2.9	20.1
490	319	Menzies (John)	468	-11	10.0	2.8	15.6
140	110	Moss Bros	136	...	5.0	4.9	26.2
155	57	Next	143	-1	0.7	0.7	28.2
85	15	Oliver (G)	19	...	1.0	...	...
250	110	Oriflame Intl	230	-8	...	...	5.2	15.0
143	45	Pentos	48	...	2.7	7.6	5.7
278	202	QS Hldgs	268	...	4.7	2.4	20.8
29	7	Ramars Group	17	...	2.4	18.8	...
35	10	Rhino Grp	30				
189	110	Sherwood Gp	157	+1	...	1.9	15.1
113	54	Sears	98	...	...	4.8	26.9
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	423	+2	13.4	4.2	14.9
28	8	Specialeyes	8				
219	87	Storehouse	182	+4	5.0	3.7	...
256	153	T & S Stores	172	-2	5.5	4.3	11.2
105	27	Tie Rack	105	-2	0.5	0.6	...
190	132	Time Products	188	...	7.5	5.3	18.4
93	47	Usher (Frank)	92	+2	...	7.4	7.1
38	23	Vivat	30				
68	28	Wensum	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	89				
70	28	Wld of Leather	58	...	...	...	68.2
205	102	Wyevale	159	-1	...	3.1	17.7
7	2	Xtra-vision	2	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	436	+4	17.1	5.2	8.4
468	266	Eastern Elec	455	+4	16.7	4.9	11.3
263	143	Hydro-Elect	247	-1	10.1	4.3	11.3
465	288	London Elec	452	+3	16.8	5.0	8.7
514	324	Manweb	510	+3	18.2	4.8	7.4
485	287	Midlands Elec	480	...	17.2	4.8	10.1
504	295	Northern Elec	504	+5	18.5	4.9	7.5
504	298	Norweb	497	+2	17.7	4.7	9.4
247	142	Scottish Power	227	-1	10.1	4.5	11.1
497	297	Seeboard	497	+6	17.2	4.7	8.9
539	313	Sth Wales	528	+7	19.4	4.9	8.4
494	293	Sth Western	476	-4	17.4	4.9	8.6
473	270	Southern Elec	462	+5	16.6	4.8	9.1
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	510	+1	17.7	4.6	9.5
319	188	National Powr	317	+2	9.1	3.8	10.5
320	196	PowerGen	320	+2	9.2	3.9	10.0

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Home	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
69	37	BWD	64	...	...	6.3	8.9
124	25	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	299	Caledonia	430	+3	14.4	4.4	16.8
1950	1050	Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.2
290	203	Candover	248	...	9.5	5.1	20.5
91	48	Ficnech	83	-2	...	...	8.2
201	105	Goval	199	+2	...	7.0	5.8
135	97	Ivory Sime	131	...	...	6.3	13.9
6	3	LIT	6				
165	7	Lightship	12				
180	110	Lon Forfaiting	175	-2	...	6.6	...
84	14	Manakin	76				
10	1	Nat Home Loan	10	+1			
47	24	Newmarket	45	-1			
260	179	Rathbone Bro	250	...	...	2.7	17.7
19	9	Rutland Tst	18	...	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	120	S & U	280	-3	...	3.9	10.1
65	34	Singer & Fried	62	-1	2.5	5.4	13.6
938	575	Sothebys	900	...	4.6	...	...
99	73	STP Capital	99	+2	3.0	4.0	17.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1043	Amer Express	1681	-21	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	218	+4	6.7	4.1	29.7
973	535	Henderson Ad	928	-5	41.0	5.9	20.4
109	50	Invesco MIM	109	+2	...	3.7	16.0
223	121	Jardine Strat	208	...	...	3.5	9.3
191	100	MAI	191	+5	6.0	4.2	13.9
489	244	MAM	418	...	11.5	3.7	16.7
755	460	M & G	738	-5	20.0	3.6	19.6
148	81	Smith New Crt	145	...	4.5	4.1	5.8
98	57	Sterling Tst	97	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trio Hldgs	68	-1	...	5.9	...

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	496	-9	14.0	3.8	11.4
66	21	ASDA Group	62	...	...	3.4	20.0
218	75	Acatos & Hutch	217	...	6.5	4.0	12.5
83	31	Albert Fisher	67	-1	3.7	7.5	11.2
432	273	Argyll	369	+7	9.7	3.6	14.4
51	11	Ashley Group	20	...	0.7	5.0	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	134	...	7.0	7.0	24.7
194	143	Banks (S C)	194	...	8.2	5.8	9.6
346	200	Barr (AG)	343	...	6.5	2.5	...
117	74	Bensons Crsp	93	+1	...	4.1	9.0
137	50	Berisford Intl	125				
480	312	Booker	424	+1	21.7	6.8	12.9
44	28	Borthwick	36	+1	1.1	4.0	25.5
474	334	Brake Bros	430	...	5.7	1.8	18.0
51	31	Budgen	44	+2	...	...	15.0
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	469	+13	12.5	3.6	17.2
107	64	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	6.2	16.8
256	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	6.0	12.1
186	140	Cranswick	185	...	...	5.4	13.7
38	8	Cullens	17	...	0.5	3.8	9.4
435	250	Dalepak	300	...	6.0	2.7	13.5
491	352	Dalgety	461	+1	19.5	5.7	13.2
54	27	Daniels S	34	...	0.2	1.0	37.2
132	92	Everest	122	...	...	3.8	12.6
295	234	Fairepak	286	...	...	2.3	20.4
16	3	Farringford	8				
92	53	Finlay (James)	83	...	4.1	6.7	15.5
95	68	Fyffes	85	...	...	1.8	11.6
440	249	Geest	429	-1	7.9	2.5	16.3
12	5	Global	9	...	...	7.4	8.3
49	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	176	+4	6.1	4.6	10.7
200	68	Hillsdown	158	+3	8.8	7.4	9.5
61	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
687	412	Iceland Frozen	687	+4	8.5	1.6	18.4
142	103	JLI Group	123	...	4.5	4.9	17.7
853	514	Kwik Save	839	-1	16.0	2.5	17.5
286	169	Low (Wm)	243	...	8.4	4.6	11.8
74	29	Matthews (B)	49	...	4.5	...	10.4
33	9	Merchant Retail	15	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83	Morrison (W)	160	+1	...	0.6	25.1
528	318	Nichols (JN)	528	+3	12.3	3.1	15.1
317	235	Nthn Foods	264	+2	...	4.0	14.5
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fn	19	...	...	...	7.9
193	132	Nurdin Peack	179	+1	5.5	4.1	12.1
228	78	Park Foods	228	+3	3.2	1.9	27.2
155	45	Perkins Food	93	+1	4.3	6.2	8.1
96	21	PizzaExpress	77	+4	...	0.9	44.3
301	130	RHM	275	...	...	6.7	14.0
3	1	Regina Hlth	1				
584	337	Sainsbury J	526	+13	8.7	2.2	19.6
61	33	Semtry Farm	36	-7	...	3.7	8.4
340	175	Sims Food	220	...	11.2	6.8	11.9
443	285	Tate & Lyle	437	+7	12.0	3.7	16.1
256	194	Tesco	235	+6	6.3	3.6	11.2
211	152	Thorntons	210	+1	3.6	2.3	19.6
163	83	Treats	162	...	...	3.0	18.2
368	192	Unigate	351	+8	15.3	5.8	12.5
440	222	Utd Biscuits	379	+12	15.3	5.4	13.2
25	12	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
357	205	Watson & Phil	318	-2	13.3	5.6	16.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk Hs	16				
89	52	City Centre Rest	84	+2	1.4	2.3	23.5
262	112	Forte	195	+3	9.9	6.8	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	173	...	5.5	4.2	13.9
12	5	Harmony Leis	6				
114	87	Jurys Hotel	88	...	...	7.0	10.3
267	126	Ladbroke	195	+4	11.1	7.6	16.1
73	37	Mandarin Ornd	73	...	...	4.7	19.2
92	26	Queens Moat	57	-1	2.8	7.6	6.7
118	51	-do- 7¾% crpr	96	...	7.5	10.8	...
2		Regal Hotels	1				
89	16	Resort Hotels	51	...	3.4	9.0	10.0
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	720	...	7.0	1.3	...
48	23	Stakis	46	...	...	1.3	...

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1999	1025	Alex & Alex	1775	+12	...	3.9	...
4175	2250	Am Gen	4100	+75	...	3.7	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	43	-1	4.4	13.6	20.9
168	83	Bradstock	143	...	5.1	4.9	17.2
1163	762	Britannic	1163	...	29.5	3.4	...
620	389	Com Union	595	+9	...	5.6	...

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	2	Airbreak Leis	3	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	306	...	7.2	3.2	10.8
86	17	Ald Leis	52	...	4.7	...	14.9
243	145	Anglia TV	225	...	...	4.7	20.3
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.5	10.2
1195	795	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	18.8
113	70	Border TV	98	...	...	3.7	12.8
16	4	Brent Walker	9				
15	2	Buckingham Int	4				
448	200	Campari	361	...	2.1	...	1.1
226	126	Capital Radio	193	...	...	5.7	7.1
818	468	Carlton Comm	797	+3	5.2	3.6	22.5
223	120	Castle Comm	196	+1	...	2.9	23.0
1625	1050	Central TV	1795	...	...	5.8	22.1
88	49	Chrysalis	73	...	30.5	2.3	23.1
604	405	Compass Gp	593	+5	12.3	2.8	16.9
350	273	Eurocamp	327	...	9.7	4.0	...
1693	673	Euro Disney	1005	-3	...	1.2	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	5				
36	11	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	9.7
448	110	Fairline Boats	276	...	10.5	5.1	...
355	239	First Leisure	343	-2	6.1	2.4	23.4
515	250	GWR Gp	503	+15	...	1.9	...
181	91	Grampian	173	-1	5.5	4.2	12.2
8	5	Greenwich Comm	6				
92	13	HTV Group	30	-1	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	57	-3	5.5	...	3.6
18	2	Kunick	5				
338	220	LWT CP	335	-2	5.9	2.4	16.3
377	260	Man Utd	375	-2	18.0	6.4	12.9
131	44	Owners Abrd	131	...	3.5	3.6	...
42	19	The Pelican Gp	42	...	...	3.1	14.6
130	50	Prism Leisure	121	...	...	3.0	13.8
61	17	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
319	274	Radio Clyde	314	...	...	3.6	24.6
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	134	...	...	4.5	...
502	202	Scot TV	490	-4	...	2.2	31.6
66	40	Southern Radio	54	...	0.7	2.0	22.5
198	125	Stanley Leisure	198	+1	...	2.8	16.7
13	4	Sunleigh	5				
195	135	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	3.3	15.4
53	27	TSW	29	...	22.7	3.7	
44	3	TVS	38	...	...	...	3.2
420	136	Tanjong	430	...	...	...	79.1
200	134	Thames TV	170	...	7.5	5.9	4.8
10	1	Ticketing	2				
118	75	Tottenham Hot	100	-1	...	...	...
75	38	Trans World	64	...	...	...	3.2
321	154	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
50	16	Wembley	19	...	1.8	...	...
18	4	Whitegate	16				
191	110	Yorkshire TV	122	-1	12.0	13.1	3.7
136	80	Zetters Gp	103	...	8.0	10.4	10.4

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112	1800	Am Gold	2700	...	...	8.2	12.2
2237	1000	Ang Am Coal	1325	+25	...	7.7	5.7
2275	1012	Ang Am	1450	...	...	5.3	9.0
14	7	Anglo Pac Res	14				
110	33	Blyvoors	63	-3	...	10.8	3.1
25	11	Bracken	23	...	...	...	1.2
566	208	Buffels	330	-11	...	13.7	7.1
4	1	Buste	1				
632	437	CRA	632	...	...	2.8	...
38	9	Cluff Res	14	...	1.0	4.2	21.6
1662	581	De Beers	1050	+21	...	...	8.6
125	37	Deelkraal	55	+1	...	12.2	2.7
46	7	Doornfontein	13				
759	388	Driefontein	532	-14	...	6.9	8.8
375	120	Durban	185	-7			
121	39	E Rand Gold	61	...	...	19.0	1.8
154	62	E Dagga	73	...	...	...	5.4
251	54	E Rand Prop	149				
470	117	Elandsrand	184	+1	...	7.4	...
535	272	FS Cons	466	-14	...	11.5	4.7
33	7	FS Dev	12	+2			
1491	606	GFSA	944	-12	...	4.7	13.4
222	121	Gencor	144	-2	...	6.9	11.2
44	29	GM Kalgoorli	42	...	...	3.3	10.3
13	2	Greenwich R 'A'	12				
89	44	Grootvlei	58				
368	78	Harmony	172	-6	...	20.4	...
281	87	Hartles	130	+1			
14	5	Inoco	10	-2	...	...	4.5
820	486	Impala Plat	601	...	...	...	12.2
8	2	Kenmare Res	7				
795	292	Kinross	457	-15	...	13.3	4.5
624	293	Kloof	483	-15	...	4.1	7.4
60	21	Leslie	41	...	...	11.3	3.7
71	12	Lorraine	21				
128	90	MIM	107	-3	...	2.1	48.9
955	559	Minorco	886	-3	...	4.3	10.4
112	66	Nth Bkn Hill	112	+3	...	4.4	...
1201	598	Orange Free	1037	+2	...	13.5	8.2
688	469	RTZ	669	-34	19.5	3.9	20.2
1287	375	Rand Mines	512	+10	...	12.6	2.1
230	75	Rand Min Prp	115	...	...	16.2	5.0
334	136	Randfontein	220	+10	...	8.7	3.0
221	106	Renison	152	+2	...	3.0	14.8
1312	812	Rustnbrg	1012	-3	...	5.0	14.4
410	183	St Helena	339	-2	...	7.8	...
1287	475	Southvaal	700	-46	...	9.2	...
60	17	Stilfontein	49	...	...	14.9	...
183	43	Unisel	91	-7	...	3.7	8.1
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2600	-100	...	9.4	...
334	154	Welkom	273	-6	...	13.2	7.6
99	26	Western Areas	42	-1			
2375	587	Western Deep	1050	-50	...	6.7	...
228	164	Wstrn Mining	226	-2			
600	255	Winkels	431	+3	...	2.6	3.2
84	16	Zambia Copper	82	+5			
45	18	Zandpan	22	...	...	...	6.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
123	56	Appleyard	103	+3	7.8	10.1	76.0
250	130	Bletchley Mtr	249	...	8.2	7.3	14.0
145	115	Bostrom	137	...	6.0	5.8	37.3
379	100	Br Aerospace	263	-4	7.0	3.5	...
378	303	Caffyns	323	...	11.5	4.7	43.0
9	3	Caverdale	7				
139	95	Central Mtrs	108	...	...	4.9	27.5
48	15	Cook (DC)	20				
200	99	Cowie (T)	194	...	4.8	3.4	14.6
133	75	Dae Motors	96	...	5.7	8.0	11.3
140	85	Davnpt Vern	139	...	4.0	3.9	...
264	130	ERF	215	+6	4.0	...	...
137	68	European Mtr	106	...	...	1.9	...
316	167	Evans Halshaw	259	...	11.2	5.8	26.1
283	163	FR Group	255	...	6.6	3.5	12.2
3581	1500	Ford Motor	3231	+18	...	...	...
2875	1681	General Mtr	2643	...	...	1.9	...
53	35	Gowrings	45	...	2.0	5.9	...
96	43	Henlys	94	+1	3.0	4.3	...
786	465	Honda Motor	757	...	...	0.7	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21				
95	49	Jessups	77	...	4.5	7.8	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	104	-1	3.3	4.3	10.3
326	175	Lex Service	308	-1	10.0	4.3	...
129	74	Lookers	109	-2	6.2	7.9	...
153	77	Lucas	139	-1	7.0	6.7	...
263	169	Pendragon	263	...	8.0	3.0	23.5
175	103	Perry Gp	127	...	9.0	9.4	22.7
136	56	Quicks Group	135	...	3.0	3.0	24.9
176	89	Rolls-Royce	134	+2	7.2	7.2	25.4
160	90	Vardy (Reg)	136	...	4.0	4.0	20.8
160	95	Westland	160	+9	4.2	3.5	14.1

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
126	73	Adscene	126	...	4.0	4.3	13.2
390	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	19.4
595	398	Blenheim Gp	589	...	9.0	2.0	22.1
330	248	Bristol	282	...	11.5	5.4	20.9
8300	5900	Daily Mail	7925	...	13.0	2.2	17.8
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7900	...	13.0	2.2	17.8
301	193	Dorling Kind	288	+3	...	1.4	27.5
365	224	EMAP	337	...	...	3.0	21.9
983	533	Euromoney Pb	965	-3	29.5	4.1	21.7
258	125	Harrington K	220	+7	...	2.7	23.0
358	155	Haynes Pub	320	...	6.0	2.5	13.6
238	140	Headline	238	...	10.0	2.7	26.5
183	105	Home Counts	133	+4	8.2	8.3	25.1
6	2	Intl Bus Comm	3				
14	6	Int Cm & Data	7				
430	285	Independent	420	...	...	4.6	15.1
480	289	Johnston Press	480	...	5.5	1.5	22.7
275	186	Metal Bulletin	275	+2	7.4	3.6	22.2
125	49	Mirror Gp	104	+3	...	...	9.9
365	127	News Corp	365	+4	...	0.3	24.6
764	258	News Intl	753	+1	3.9	0.7	13.0
459	297	Pearson	381	-10	...	4.1	17.9
640	340	Portsmth Sund	640	+10	8.6	1.8	16.5
682	447	Reed Intl	655	+5	16.0	3.3	21.7
130	61	Southnews	130	...	...	1.5	38.3
128	39	Sterling Pub	128	+1	...	2.6	42.0
368	274	Telegraph	349	...	11.0	4.3	...
815	565	Thomson Corp	765	+20	25.2	4.4	13.0
347	222	Trinity Intl	318	...	...	3.5	18.7
62	29	Unit Group	34				
543	323	Utd Nwspapers	526	+3	21.0	5.3	18.0

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Pet	18	+2	...	...	...
24	11	Aran Energy	24	+1			
68	23	Arcon Intl	42				
53	27	Aus Oil & Gas	52				
280	20	Aviva Pet	51				
48	8	Beverley	10	...	...	0.6	...
195	105	Br Borneo	172	...	...	7.1	5.3	19.0
299	223	British Gas	298	+9	...	6.5	12.9
304	182	Br Petroleum	276	+1	...	5.1	34.7
4	1	Bula Resources	1				
741	460	Burmah Castrl	720	+12	24.0	4.4	16.5
75	21	Cairn Energy	46				
253	161	Calor Gp	239	...	12.0	6.7	15.7
80	20	Clyde Pet	52	+2	1.2	...	...
16	10	Edin Oil & Gas	13				
477	297	Enterprise	476	+16	15.7	4.4	33.9
103	25	Exp Co Louis	83	-1			
28	14	Fairhaven Intl	34	...	...	1.1	9.0
69	34	Goal Pet	63	...	1.2	2.6	11.9
31	5	Gt Western Res	25				
149	72	Hardy O & G	144	-2	1.0	0.9	45.2
27	7	Kelt Energy	27				
263	112	LASMO	182	+8	8.5	6.2	23.5
163	63	-do- Units	91	...	15.0	22.0	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res	16	+1			
42	27	Monument	41				
18	5	New London	8	...	...	...	43.5
35	17	Nth Sea Assets	25	...	0.7	4.0	6.6
37	25	Oil Search	29	-1			
14	8	Petroz	13				
103	57	Pict Pet	103	...	...	...	14.3
31	10	Premier	28	...	...	...	12.6
198	40	Presidio	75				
430	308	Ranger	368	+23	...	8.4	...
5950	4162	Royal Dtch Fl	5887	...	...	1.4	...
4312	3025	Schlumberger	4175	...	...	5.5	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
281	103	API	281	...	7.5	3.6	24.5
200	123	Arjo Wiggins	168	+2	8.3	...	13.6
454	365	Abbott Mead	454	...	8.4	2.5	22.8
3	1	Arals Group	1				
128	13	Aegis Gp	13	...	5.8	...	4.5
212	105	Aspen Comms	200	...	...	3.3	27.4
13	7	BBB Designs	9				
341	180	Bemrose	301	...	11.7	4.7	16.9
60	18	Birkdale	19	...	0.2	1.4	16.1
138	80	Bunzl	132	-2	4.0	4.0	30.8
367	147	CIA Gp	264	...	...	1.9	17.5
51	36	City of Lon	46	-1	...	9.8	9.6
206	135	Cropper (James)	184	...	3.0	2.2	20.0
41	6	Crown Comm	6				
73	30	Delyn Packaging	66	...	1.4	3.0	12.9
149	78	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.3	15.0
74	42	Dudley Jenkins	42	...	...	...	10.8
15	9	Elswick	12	...	0.2	...	10.5
68	38	Fairway Groups	55	+1	...	7.0	...
286	211	Ferguson Intl	272	...	12.5	6.1	15.7
140	65	Ferry Pick	100	...	5.5	7.3	10.0
106	25	Filofax	100	-3	...	0.5	25.0
48	6	Fitch	16	...	...	...	1.8
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	69	...	...	9.7	13.5
308	194	Gold Greenless	288	...	8.3	4.0	22.3
53	26	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.6	...
160	32	Flunterprint	81				
180	138	Interurope	138	...	7.4	7.4	6.8
203	123	Jarvis Porter	203	+2	4.4	2.9	22.1
50	13	Lopex	34	-2	...	...	14.1
263	133	More O'Ferrall	211	-1	13.2	8.3	15.1
71	27	NMC Group	68	+8	1.2	...	17.4
86	58	Osborne & Little	80	...	4.3	7.3	10.3
189	132	Quarto	179	...	5.2	5.1	9.4
343	231	St Ives Gp	336	+1	5.2	2.1	22.0
245	115	Saatchi	189				
754	381	Sappi	453	...	...	8.6	8.5
19	1	Serif	17				
43	3	Shandwick	23				
351	233	Smith David	323	...	9.5	3.9	14.3
335	230	Smurfit (Jeff)	286	...	...	0.5	9.9
263	171	Stat-Plus	212	...	7.1	4.5	15.3
21	10	Taylor Nelson	19	...	...	1.1	40.0
65	37	VTR	50	...	...	9.1	14.2
115	31	WPP	62				
195	48	Wace	68	...	8.2	16.2	7.5
221	158	Waddington (J)	203	...	7.9	5.3	15.3
594	391	Watmough	594	+5	10.5	2.4	25.9
6	1	Westport	6	...	...	...	21.5
39	12	Whinney Mck	16				
75	51	Wood (SW)	60	-4	0.2	0.6	...

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
59	41	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
605	435	Shell	585	+2	21.9	5.1	...
206	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	202	...	...	...	...
19	8	Teredo	9				
82	26	Triton Europe	39	...	...	...	8.9
10	6	Vibers Grp	7				
172	131	Woodside	167	+2	...	2.2	...

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3	1	Abaco Groups	1				
86	28	Allied Lon	55	...	3.5	8.6	47.5
55	35	Arcadian	51				
73	34	Asda	59	...	2.0	4.5	21.0
141	64	Avonside	97	...	...	8.0	7.8
2575	1887	BCE	2562	+12			
486	288	Billon	486	...	18.0	4.9	17.5
45	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
168	108	Bradford	161	...	4.4	3.7	14.6
36	11	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.6
275	110	Br Land	235	+3	6.3	3.6	21.7
188	108	Brixton	187	+1	8.1	5.8	14.3
55	44	Burford	47	+1	0.9	2.7	24.5
125	88	Cap & Regnl	121	...	...	1.1	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	...
433	103	Chesterfield	225	-1	18.5	...	15.9
80	9	City Site Ests	22	+1	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	13				
893	785	Daejan	893	+15	25.0	3.7	13.9
4	1	Dares Estates	1				
76	30	Debenham Twsn	74	...	2.5	4.5	26.9
12	1	De Morgan	9				
135	76	Dencora	89	...	5.5	8.2	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	323	...	8.6	3.6	38.3
250	170	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.5
98	6	Estates Gen	15	...	3.7	...	4.7
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	133	...	4.1	4.2	12.7
31	11	Five Oaks	15				
53	28	Fletcher King	39	...	1.0	3.4	28.2
348	188	Frogmore	345	...	15.0	5.8	18.0
125	51	Grainger	105	...	5.2	6.7	23.5
182	84	Gt Portland	146	...	10.0	9.1	14.5
114	6	Greycoat	10	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	128	...	...	4.0	21.5
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	41	...	0.0	0.2	...
588	180	Hammerson	336	...	10.0	4.0	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	322	...	10.0	4.1	15.4
150	69	Helical Bar	141	...	4.0	3.8	...
30	20	Hemingway	21				
175	83	Herring Baker	87	+2	7.0	10.7	...
225	133	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
504	343	Land Sec	482	+2	21.7	6.0	14.6
83	62	Lon Merch Sec	81	...	3.8	6.3	12.9
3	1	Lon & Metro	2				
411	196	MEPC	372	+2	20.0	7.2	15.6
6	3	McInerney A	6				
145	76	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
20	3	Markheath	4	...	0.5	...	...
133	5	Merivale Mre	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
5	1	Merlin Intl	5				
46	27	Moorfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	825	...	18.0	2.9	8.4
9	2	Mowat	2				
139	101	Mucklow (A&J)	133	...	5.9	5.9	17.4
53	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.8
117	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
50	3	Ossory Est	10	+1	0.1	2.0	3.0
103	8	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
111	54	Prop Security	108	+3	3.7	4.6	21.5
122	14	Property Trust	36	-2			
4	1	Raglan	2				
68	1	Regalian	15				
10	3	Rosehaugh	7	...	1.5	13.3	3.0
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
25	12	St Modwen Prp	24	...	0.6	3.4	...
47	21	Savills	45				
72	18	Scot Met	49	+1	1.5	4.1	...
68	39	Shaftesbury	68				
12	2	Shield	10				
36	11	Sinclair Gldsm	35	...	0.5	1.9	...
248	83	Slough Estates	186	...	8.1	5.9	10.5
78	36	Southend Prop	58	...	4.1	9.6	29.3
20	2	Speyhawk	13				
29	9	Stanhope Prps	19				
90	58	Town Centre	89	...	3.1	4.6	17.4
62	35	Trafford Park	60	...	2.5	5.7	16.2
35	7	UK Land	17	+2			
7	4	Union Square	4				
217	119	Warner	192	...	10.5	7.6	16.9
245	175	Warnford	175	...	7.2	5.6	12.0
8	1	Waterglade	6				
91	23	Wates	44	...	3.7	11.3	11.1
44	17	Wood John Da	40				

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	13				
101	42	Headlam	98	...	2.4	3.3	38.8
500	265	Lambert	495	...	12.5	3.4	12.9
111	63	Pittard Garnar	93	...	1.5	2.2	12.3
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.1	6.1
193	88	Stylo	126	...	2.5	2.6	...

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
476	362	Allied Text	476	+1	12.6	3.5	...
73	47	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	10.4	12.1
52	21	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.7
164	138	Br Mohair	159	...	8.5	7.1	12.6
119	30	Celestion	118	...	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Chartwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186	Claremont Gs	325	...	...	1.6	22.3
593	364	Courtauld Text	588	+1	13.0	2.9	17.3
248	160	Dawson	222	-2	9.0	5.4	21.7
59	17	Drummond	25	+1	1.5	...	7.7
60	17	Dunkeld	35	-1			
73	60	Faupel	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
68	24	Foster (John)	32	...	0.5	2.1	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
186	99	Hicking Pntcst	171	...	3.4	2.7	14.5
73	38	Jerome (S)	45	...	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	288	+2	...	5.6	14.1
410	205	Leeds	407	...	...	2.4	19.4
41	15	Lister	15				
122	81	Lyles (S)	107	+1	0.1	0.3	...
94	53	Parkland 'A'	81	...	4.9	6.1	12.1
95	63	Readicut	94	...	2.0	3.3	...
71	30	SEET	45	...	3.4	4.9	16.7
94	67	Sirdar	91	...	5.1	7.5	15.8
53	29	Stirling Gp	53	...	1.6	4.2	22.0
59	31	Stoddard	49	-1	2.6	7.1	13.1
312	198	Tomkinsons	309	...	11.5	5.0	26.7
6	3	West Trust	5	...	...	6.1	...
356	160	Yorklyde	339	...	9.7	3.9	15.8

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	948	+6	33.6	4.7	25.0
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	611	+3	10.2	2.2	14.0

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	378	+1	8.0	2.8	...
816	531	BAA	774	+7	14.5	2.5	13.7
315	219	Br Airways	291	+6	10.1	4.7	7.8
182	45	Clarkson (H)	78	...	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	22				
506	293	Eurotunnel Uts	506	+6			
88	44	Fisher (James)	51	+2	5.5	...	14.3
140	70	Graig	133	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	Iold Steam	158	...	...	6.3	7.6
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	30	...	1.9	8.4	17.9
53	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	41	...	1.2	4.1	2.5
1600	1237	Manchstr Sh	1600	+87	4.5	0.4	8.7
334	190	Mersey Docks	333	...	7.5	3.0	...
210	168	Natl Express	199	-2	...	4.8	13.1
280	216	NFC	269	+4	6.5	3.2	20.4
357	170	Ocean Group	268	+2	14.3	7.1	12.1
63	31	Ocean Wilson	51	...	...	7.0	11.4
584	296	P & O Dfd	549	+3	30.5	7.4	19.4
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	133	...	...	5.5	...
523	267	Powell Duffryn	522	...	22.6	5.8	20.9
138	96	Seacon	124	-1	...	5.5	...
59	23	TIP Europe	27	...	1.4	6.8	6.7
87	24	TNT	35	+1			
745	495	Tibbet & Britn	728	+3	...	2.0	29.1
478	214	Tiphook	349	+3	17.3	6.6	6.9
307	208	TDG	295	...	9.5	4.3	17.7

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	308	Anglian Water	510	-3	19.3	5.0	9.3
591	336	Nrthmbrian	583	-1	20.5	4.7	6.0
513	323	North West	487	-4	19.6	5.4	8.6
500	298	Severn Trent	488	-4	19.3	5.3	7.1
516	301	Sthrn Water	500	-1	19.5	5.2	8.8
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1285	+5	40.2	4.2	8.3
527	306	South West	519	-3	21.7	5.6	7.8
533	324	Thames Water	516	...	19.2	5.0	9.8
574	337	Welsh Water	561	-7	21.4	5.1	6.5
611	356	Wessex Water	595	-2	...	4.4	8.0
563	336	Yorkshire W	549	-7	19.5	4.7	8.9

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	110.50	118.10	+1.50	1.43
International	82.21	87.45	+1.71	1.17
Dividend Gth	55.31	58.83†	-0.04	5.10
Global Gth Sec	59.87	63.69	+0.11	2.87
Ethical Growth	63.03	67.06	-0.18	2.83
High Inc Equity	147.70	157.10†	+0.30	5.41
Worldwide Bond	270.50	286.80†	+5.20	4.36
Gilts Fixed Int	130.10	137.90†	+0.60	6.89
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	44.54	47.02	-1.23	1.80
European	80.62	85.46†	+1.03	...
European Inc	78.94	83.74†	+1.15	1.60
Exempt	880.90	910.30†	+3.20	3.38
Extra Inc	41.49	45.07	-0.13	5.58
F East Emerg Ec	82.47	89.29	+1.74	0.72
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	368.60	394.00	-0.60	4.40
Equity Inc	205.00	219.10†	+1.10	4.19
High Yield	228.30	244.00	+1.30	4.33
Balanced	621.60	664.40	+2.30	2.86
American Inc	49.81	53.24†	+2.56	3.21
Wld Asset Val	38.33	40.97	-0.78	2.00
Japan	148.20	155.80	+3.70	0.01
Secs of Am	434.80	463.10	+19.00	0.36
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	305.80	325.40	+0.80	3.00
-do- Inc	219.30	233.30	+0.60	3.00
Higher Inc Acc	546.40	581.30	+1.50	4.17
-do- Inc	336.90	358.50	-0.90	4.17
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	174.60	184.40	-1.10	6.54
-do- Inc	94.06	99.33	+0.56	6.54
Nth America	266.50	283.60	+7.20	...
Far East	266.70	283.80	-12.30	0.29
Europe	221.70	235.90	+6.60	1.25
General Inc	414.90	441.40	+2.50	2.67
-do- Acc	451.80	480.70	+2.80	2.67
Brit Exectl	63.18	67.22	+0.90	3.97
Brit Fndmtls Inc	65.41	69.59	+1.15	5.15
Brit Fndmtls Acc	83.34	88.66	+1.48	5.15
Global Opps	70.51	75.02	-2.73	0.07
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	104.40	111.80†	-0.10	3.06
Euro Gth Inc	114.40	121.30	+1.60	1.29
Extra Inc	102.30	109.40	-0.10	5.54
General	233.80	250.10	-0.40	3.42
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.46	59.44†	+0.36	8.74
Income	459.40	491.30†	+0.80	4.92
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	93.50	99.32	+1.62	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	121.00	129.60	+4.30	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	51.45	55.02	-0.25	7.40
Eastern	180.50	194.20	+4.30	1.70
Equity Income	77.24	82.16	-0.04	6.60
European Gth	228.80	243.50	+2.50	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	151.80	162.30	+1.90	2.00
Exempt	80.51	82.72†	+0.55	3.90
German Growth	53.92	57.56	-0.48	0.80
Global Growth	108.20	115.60	+2.10	...
Japan Growth	162.10	173.80†	+2.80	...
Japan Sunrise	135.80	145.00	+1.50	...
Portfolio	114.40	122.30†	+0.90	3.40
-do- Acc	203.90	218.10†	+1.50	3.40
UK Growth	75.66	80.48	-1.09	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	76.27	81.57	+0.17	2.00
Select Managers	62.24	66.71	-0.52	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	101.44	108.49	+0.24	2.39
-do- Inc	92.91	99.37	+0.22	2.39
Global Bond	29.92	31.75	+0.33	5.78
High Yield Acc	50.86	54.40	-0.17	4.52
-do- Inc	37.28	39.87	+0.12	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	82.49	88.23	-0.64	1.81
-do- Inc	76.29	81.60	-0.58	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	58.65	62.72	+1.54	...
-do- Inc	57.55	61.55†	+1.51	...
Euro Gth Acc	95.58	102.23	-0.80	1.78
-do- Inc	94.27	100.83†	-1.25	1.78
Mngd P folio	34.11	36.48	+0.37	1.54
Pacific Growth	90.25	96.53	+1.89	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	85.72	91.68	+1.92	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	111.20	118.50†	+0.90	3.75
Smaller Cos Acc	266.90	284.30	+5.40	...
Smaller Cos Inc	156.30	166.50	-3.20	1.38
High Inc	71.41	76.41	-0.27	7.22
Income	123.30	131.90	...	4.40
Mngd P folio Inc	90.63	96.52†	+0.41	2.15
-do- Acc	171.10	182.20	+0.80	...
North American	108.10	115.10	+2.90	0.79
Orient	102.30	110.20	+2.30	...
Recovery	36.63	39.37	-0.18	3.00
German	43.02	46.10	+0.39	0.09
Intl Growth	33.08	35.23	+0.61	0.22
European Inc	22.87	24.64	+0.20	0.46
Conv General	19.36	20.72	-0.04	8.05
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	63.75	67.82	-0.64	1.10
-do- Acc	71.08	75.62	-0.72	1.10
Income Fund 5	206.20	219.40	-0.90	4.14
-do- Acc	468.90	498.90	-1.90	4.14
Inv Portfolio	65.89	68.29†	-0.06	2.17
-do- Acc	74.41	77.11†	-0.08	2.17
Smaller Cos	117.90	125.50	+0.60	2.00
-do- Acc	141.70	150.80	+0.80	2.00
High Inc P folio	58.02	60.12	-0.12	4.85
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 488 7216				
Sbi Gilt Fxd Int	69.51	70.44	+0.20	6.67
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.20	141.80	-0.20	1.74
UK Growth	141.60	150.70†	-0.20	2.41
UK Income	121.30	129.00	+0.30	4.53
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	83.09	88.87	+3.63	1.05
Growth	44.09	46.91†	+0.17	3.04
Income	51.99	55.31†	+0.09	4.42
Far East	43.10	46.10	+1.04	0.17
North American	81.91	88.08	+2.08	0.01
Global	82.63	88.37	+1.27	0.68
European	69.82	74.67	+1.17	1.25
Japan	90.04	96.30	+1.81	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.41	65.10	+1.70	4.93
UK Cap Gwth	76.73	82.06	-0.22	2.06

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	132.70	141.20	+3.80	0.20
-do- Acc	141.10	150.10	+4.00	0.20
European	67.21	71.25	+0.68	1.05
-do- Acc	69.67	73.86	+0.72	1.05
Far East Gen	50.38	53.60	+0.89	...
-do- Acc	50.38	53.60	+0.89	...
Glentrusts	244.10	259.70†	+3.60	1.02
-do- Acc	274.70	292.30	+4.70	1.02
Growth	368.90	394.60	+0.80	2.59
-do- Acc	632.30	676.50	+1.30	2.59
Income Growth	363.00	386.20†	+1.70	4.08
-do- Acc	482.70	513.60	+2.40	4.08
Master Portfolio	9336.0	9682.0†	+113.0	2.69
-do- Acc	10753.0	11117.0	+129.0	2.69
Special Sits	84.49	89.89†	-0.06	2.55
-do- Acc	98.88	105.20	-0.10	2.55
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1169.0	1206.0	+7.00	4.59
-do- Acc	1354.0	1396.0	+8.00	4.59
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	199.50	212.40†	+9.10	1.72
Capital	522.50	557.80	+2.90	2.52
Eurotrack 100	131.80	140.20†	+2.40	1.71
Euro Gth	81.22	86.43	+1.39	1.43
Far East Growth	82.51	88.05	+1.53	0.16
Global Bond	23.87	25.15†	+0.58	6.86
Hong Kong	78.94	82.11	+4.48	0.59
Income	494.80	528.00	+2.60	4.75
Intl Growth	72.31	77.09	+1.66	1.06
Japan Growth	210.90	225.00	+3.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.74	28.53†	+0.22	...
Japan Index	63.08	67.32†	-1.54	0.30
Nth American	430.30	459.20	+16.30	0.98
S pore Mly Gth	50.62	54.02	+1.90	...
The Foogle Fd	106.10	112.00	+0.80	2.80
Tiger Index	138.80	148.10	+4.10	0.71
Triple Index	98.39	105.00†	-0.10	2.92
UK Index	120.20	128.20†	+0.60	3.36
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.27	91.07	+2.27	1.00
European P folio	73.28	77.92	+1.56	1.38
Japanese P folio	51.51	54.69	+1.37	...
Pacific P folio	93.25	100.27	+2.40	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.94	73.74	+0.84	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.54	65.99	+0.40	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	585.00	591.20	...	5.04
Fixed Int	153.10	153.85	...	9.50
Deposit	6.00	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	575.06	577.14	...	5.18
-do- Acc	2223.3	2229.1	...	...
Deposit	5.90	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.60	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.26	66.54	-0.14	2.47
Beckman Intl	82.81	87.43	+3.05	3.24
Friars Hse Inc	174.50	187.42	...	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.83	260.03	...	2.98
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	112.42	119.60	+5.66	...
European Gth	95.46	101.55	+0.28	1.25
Far East Gth	96.68	102.85	+2.53	0.28
Japan Gth Acc	34.00	36.17	+0.33	...
Managed	60.42	64.28	+0.08	3.05
-do- Acc	72.97	77.63	+0.09	3.05
Mthly Inc Plus	47.39	50.41	+0.47	8.52
Smaller Cos	31.71	33.73†	+0.03	2.17
-do- Acc	35.70	37.98	-0.04	2.17
UK General	67.09	71.37	+0.20	2.78
-do- Acc	80.43	85.56	+0.23	2.78
Wwide Bd	66.58	70.84	+1.42	6.18
-do- Acc	83.44	88.76	+1.77	6.18
Wwide Sp Sits	53.98	57.73†	-0.05	0.25
-do- Acc	56.23	60.14	-0.08	0.25
Quilter General	120.53	128.23	-0.76	2.53
-do- Acc	132.67	141.14	-0.84	2.53
Quilter Income	90.53	96.31†	+0.46	4.65
-do- Acc	111.58	118.70	+0.56	4.65
Quilter Intl	124.94	132.91	+2.47	0.43
-do- Acc	126.67	134.76	+2.52	0.43
Quilter UK Spec	68.50	72.87	+0.10	2.52
-do- Acc	90.62	96.40	+0.13	2.52
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	98.65	104.95	+0.83	1.83
Fixed Conv	40.04	42.60†	+0.13	8.28
-do- Acc	104.67	111.14	+0.36	8.28
Equity Inc	139.57	148.48†	+0.80	4.19
-do- Acc	448.79	477.44	+2.58	4.19
High Yield	116.22	123.64	+0.91	5.25
-do- Acc	434.99	462.76	+3.41	5.25
Preference	47.02	50.02†	-0.22	7.90
-do- Acc	238.15	253.35	-1.16	7.90
PPT Europe	151.51	161.18	+2.32	0.55
PPT Global Bnd	85.67	91.14	+1.75	4.81
PPT Gold Com	50.18	53.38	+0.46	...
PPT Thai	57.47	61.14	-0.10	...
PPT Hong Kong	101.29	107.76	+4.37	0.34
PPT Japan	93.73	99.71	+1.11	...
PPT N Amer	154.87	164.76	+6.03	...
PPT S'pore Mly	100.89	107.33	+1.42	...
PPT UK	113.36	120.60	+0.36	1.52
PPT Cash	91.08	91.08	+0.05	6.29
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	79.12	84.17	+2.69	0.94
Japanese Acc	48.83	51.95	+0.60	...
UK Balncd Inc	121.60	129.40	-0.30	2.59
-do- Acc	141.90	151.00	-0.40	2.59
UK Growth Acc	202.00	214.90	-0.60	2.25
UK High Inc	130.10	138.40	-0.60	6.87
-do- Acc	153.60	163.40	-0.70	6.87
N America Acc	115.00	122.30	+3.20	0.32
European Acc	152.90	162.70	+2.10	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.25	63.95	+0.28	8.84
-do- Acc	97.24	103.20	+0.40	8.84
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.02	48.96	+0.95	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.67	75.18	-0.68	1.48
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	116.50	123.70	+5.90	...
UK Smlr Cos	180.40	191.70	-0.30	1.30
Eurofund	38.37	40.56	+0.59	0.99
Mngd Exempt	163.60	170.50	-0.30	3.08
Growth Inc	208.80	221.90†	-0.20	4.06
High Dist	136.00	144.50	+0.20	5.99
International	314.30	333.90	-3.60	0.97
Intl Income	81.37	86.86	+1.58	2.99
Pacific	57.58	61.18	+1.04	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	56.62	60.16	+1.11	...
Tokyo	165.70	176.20	+3.30	...

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Japan Exempt	89.09	95.64	+1.34	0.52
Sm Jap Exempt	468.20	481.00	+5.70	0.10
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7241				
Endurance	167.70	178.40	+2.50	1.06
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.17	109.55	-0.61	3.63
High Income	116.82	122.97	-0.45	5.25
Tst of Inv Tsts	137.73	144.98†	-0.44	2.22
Special Sits	81.64	85.94	-1.34	3.36
North American	106.02	111.60	+1.66	0.99
Far Eastern	216.64	228.04	+4.71	1.52
Intl Growth	90.24	94.99	+1.04	1.45
European	63.81	67.17	+0.09	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.31	72.96	-0.22	2.28
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	222.70	236.40	+8.40	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.00
European Tst	110.80	117.90	+1.50	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	94.67	100.10	+1.42	0.87
Far Eastern	120.00	128.50	+3.20	...
Overs Income	90.14	96.71	+2.73	2.65
UK Growth	90.12	96.36†	+0.24	1.71
UK Income	99.58	106.50	-0.30	3.89
US Smaller Cos	233.00	249.20	+7.30	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	418.00	447.00	+8.70	...
-do- Acc	427.10	456.70	+9.00	...
Capital	280.10	297.90	-1.10	2.19
-do- Acc	386.60	411.20	-1.60	2.19
Contl Smllr Cos	46.57	50.18	+0.90	1.31
-do- Acc	48.15	51.92	+0.93	1.31
Convertible	107.20	114.00	+0.20	6.63
-do- Acc	198.60	211.20	+0.40	6.63
European	98.28	105.00	+1.20	0.92
-do- Acc	101.60	108.50	+1.20	0.92
Extra Income	280.50	298.30†	+1.40	4.52
-do- Acc	392.80	417.80†	+2.00	4.52
Financial	105.50	113.50	+2.70	0.59
-do- Acc	109.70	118.10	+2.70	0.59
Health Fund Inc	112.40	120.00	-6.30	...
-do- Acc	112.40	120.00	-6.30	...
Income Tst	171.30	182.30	+0.70	4.23
-do- Acc	238.80	254.00	+0.90	4.23
Intl Growth	303.90	325.00	+6.10	...
-do- Acc	337.50	360.90	+6.80	...
Japan Gen	141.00	150.90	+2.20	...
-do- Acc	142.40	152.40	+2.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.35	94.05	+0.53	1.06
-do- Acc	92.26	97.11	+0.54	1.06
Monthly Income	142.80	151.80	+1.30	4.62
Recovery	284.50	304.20†	+2.80	0.67
-do- Acc	333.20	356.30†	+3.20	0.67
Gilt Gth Tst	61.82	63.74	+0.27	6.89
-do- Acc	77.60	80.02	+0.34	6.89
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	338.72	360.34	-1.55	3.07
-do- Acc	683.92	727.57	-3.12	3.07
Euro Gth Dist	105.41	112.14†	+1.96	1.00
-do- Acc	108.55	115.48†	+2.01	1.00
Fixed Int Dist	130.70	138.25	+0.46	6.60
-do- Acc	216.93	229.46	+0.76	6.60
Intl Gth Dist	74.28	79.02	+1.47	0.84
-do- Acc	76.84	81.74	+1.52	0.84
Nth Amer Dist	171.35	181.67†	+4.88	0.81
-do- Acc	185.83	197.02	+5.29	0.81
Pac Basin Dist	226.46	240.91†	+5.33	0.35
-do- Acc	230.03	244.71†	+5.41	0.35
Stewardship Dist	289.42	307.89	+0.11	2.01
-do- Acc	342.40	364.26	+0.12	2.01
Stwd Inc Dist	60.09	63.93†	+0.39	3.93
-do- Acc	73.73	78.44†	+0.48	3.93
N Am Stwd Dist	98.22	104.49†	+2.70	0.08
-do- Acc	103.91	110.54†	+2.86	0.08
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	134.90	144.30	+5.00	...
European	402.80	427.30	+6.10	0.93
Far East General	197.90	211.70	+3.10	0.31
Germany	100.20	106.20	+2.10	0.39
Global Assets In	66.01	70.55	+1.08	2.18
Global Assets Ac	69.17	73.92	+1.13	2.15
Income Inc	109.90	117.60	+0.10	7.17
International	259.90	270.50	+4.90	0.97
Intl Income	77.84	82.58	+3.61	4.47
Japan General	315.80	334.70	+7.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.42	47.51	-0.21	6.38
UK Capital Inc	149.60	160.00†	-0.60	4.12
-do- Acc	255.90	273.70	-0.80	4.01
Uk Spec Sits	69.13	73.94	+0.09	1.65
US General	114.40	121.90	+3.90	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	111.60	119.40	+0.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.18	45.11†	+0.12	1.29
Cash Trust*	127.45	127.45†	+0.09	5.36
Pract Inv Inc	100.57	107.85	+0.11	4.09
-do- Acc	214.71	230.25	+0.23	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	95.18	102.07	-0.82	1.63
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.57	26.28†	+0.28	8.41
High Inc	30.30	32.41†	+0.12	5.55
UK Equity Inc	123.51	132.10†	+0.82	4.28
Global Bond	30.67	31.77	+0.52	5.41
International Funds				
Gold Intl	64.89	69.59	+0.83	1.66
Frontier Markets	41.66	44.68	+0.86	0.27
Global Inc Gth	121.27	129.40	+2.45	2.71
UK Intl	108.80	116.36	+1.11	0.74
Overseas Funds				
American	131.31	140.02	+4.76	0.60
European	82.42	87.33†	+0.87	0.87
Euro Sel Opps	94.75	100.82†	+1.11	1.25
American Emerg	77.09	82.67	+2.33	...
Hong Kong	109.12	117.02†	+5.78	1.87
Japan	169.69	180.60	+1.78	...
Pacific Growth	143.12	153.48	+4.19	0.50
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	120.75	129.15	+2.22	0.95
American Gth	120.36	128.73	+2.02	0.35
European Gth	69.22	74.03	+0.55	0.82
German Horizn	48.72	51.97	+0.46	0.92
Japan Gth	63.35	67.76	+0.64	...
Pacific Inc	127.45	136.31	+2.52	3.22
Pacific Strategy	106.14	113.52	+3.04	...
UK Prog Inc	70.91	74.76	+0.32	6.11
Gt British Cos	47.10	49.67	+0.16	2.00
UK Small Cos	43.54	46.56	+0.69	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.10	130.10	+0.10	6.00
Gilt Fixed	118.10	125.20†	-2.60	6.71
Growth Equity	275.50	294.30	-4.00	2.32
Guardhill	407.30	435.10†	-5.30	2.66

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Income Trust	101.10	108.00	-0.70	3.91
International	151.60	161.50	+2.10	0.32
Japan Trust	103.20	110.20†	+0.60	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	259.30	277.20	+10.20	0.36
Pacific	337.00	360.00	+6.70	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	336.90	359.90	-0.80	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.81	35.84†	+0.09	1.80
-do- Acc	35.39	37.52	+0.09	1.80
Inc Adv Inc	28.79	30.52	-0.04	4.29
-do- Acc	29.67	31.46	-0.04	4.29
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690090				
Canadian	71.30	76.38	+2.90	0.72
Equity Income	108.50	115.40†	+0.40	3.71
European	134.80	142.50	+0.20	1.49
Intl Situation	72.57	77.20	+0.76	...
Japanese	114.70	122.00	+1.60	...
North American	104.10	110.80	+3.80	0.05
Scandinavian	102.80	108.60	-0.80	0.12
Smaller Cos	29.06	30.91†	+0.78	2.36
HENDERSON PO Box 2093, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	88.59	94.34	+0.33	...
Asian Enterprise	119.86	128.38	+4.04	0.82
Australian	132.10	141.11	+4.42	1.36
European	361.78	383.23	+4.97	0.89
European Inc	69.08	73.08†	+0.99	3.04
Euro Smi Co	119.79	127.51	+0.30	0.81
Extra Income	252.26	268.54	+0.80	5.41
Family of Funds	66.31	70.81†	-0.08	1.27
Fixed Interest	56.02	59.91	+0.33	9.34
Global Resour	81.89	87.50†	+2.08	1.52
High Inc	270.28	288.55†	+1.05	4.67
Income Gth	227.15	241.90	+0.10	3.92
-do- Acc	571.61	608.75	+0.24	3.92
International	222.20	236.37	+5.22	0.83
Japan Spc Sit	190.38	202.38	+3.86	...
Japan	163.49	173.77†	+2.79	...
N Amer	230.18	245.20†	+5.14	0.14
Pacific Smllr Cos	164.31	175.07	+4.44	0.87
Pref Gilt	46.18	50.18†	+0.34	9.27
Smaller Cos Div	154.44	168.33†	+0.82	4.38
Special Sits	245.36	262.52†	-2.83	1.51
-do- Acc	377.02	403.40†	-2.98	1.51
Best of British	54.46	58.36	+0.10	2.43
Spirit of the East	54.22	57.80	+1.69	0.73
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	86.02	91.99	+1.16	2.32
Capital	151.30	161.80†	+2.70	2.04
Dollar	313.80	335.40	+14.70	0.28
European	192.10	205.40	+2.00	0.36
Far East	233.70	249.90	+10.20	0.61
Financial	646.10	691.00	+13.30	2.59
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.86	26.86†	...	8.09
High Yield	96.87	103.60	+0.10	5.21
Income	130.10	139.10	+1.50	3.62
Intl	208.10	222.50†	+6.30	0.51
Japan Tech	56.31	59.15†	+0.80	...
Nat Resources	57.11	61.08	-1.83	0.88
Security	286.20	306.60	+3.00	2.17
Smaller Cos	104.00	111.20	+1.70	1.76
Special Sits	130.50	139.50†	+1.60	2.34
US Smaller Cos	65.37	69.91	+0.69	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	247.30	260.30	+4.80	1.39
Capital Gwth	102.60	108.00	-0.70	2.70
Inv Trusts	123.30	129.80	+0.30	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.11	24.30†	+0.06	1.74
Special Features	26.04	27.66	+0.12	1.66
-do- Acc	30.54	32.44	+0.15	1.66
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.03	54.68	+0.21	2.39
Assets Earnings	68.19	72.45†	+0.44	2.05
do Acc	80.27	85.28†	+0.52	2.05
Managed Invest	80.83	86.42†	+0.78	1.38
Rupert Childrn	73.93	78.85	+0.49	1.78
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.13	50.13†	+0.04	5.04
Extra Inc	76.47	81.91†	+0.37	5.64
Gilt	27.75	29.21	+0.13	7.05
Income Gth	37.10	39.71	+0.06	3.73
MIMstar	76.39	78.28	+0.23	8.60
Preference	17.67	19.33†	+0.13	6.83
UK Income	298.50	319.30	+1.30	3.43
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	52.62	55.90	+0.67	1.52
Property Shares	56.43	59.95	+0.66	2.31
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	136.00	143.00	-0.30	4.51
European Acc	110.40	117.40	+0.30	2.03
European Dist	105.10	111.80	+0.30	2.03
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.95	53.11	+1.49	1.05
European Perf	107.30	114.20	+0.90	1.32
-do- Acc	109.30	116.30	+0.90	1.32
Euro Small Cos	20.23	21.57	+0.25	0.82
French Growth	68.70	73.09†	+1.44	0.58
-do- Acc	73.22	77.90†	+1.53	0.58
Hong K/China	67.13	72.18†	+3.74	1.30
Intl Growth	48.74	51.78	+0.86	0.85
-do- Acc	48.74	51.78	+0.86	0.85
Japan Perf	26.46	28.09	-0.02	...
Accum Units	26.46	28.09	-0.02	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.75	30.53	+0.22	...
Singapore Asean	71.31	77.45	+1.40	0.58
-do- Acc	71.76	77.93	+1.41	0.58
South East Asia	213.20	229.90	+6.60	0.96
US Smlr Cos	108.80	115.60	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	110.00	116.80	+2.50	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.22	87.61	+1.99	2.77
Intl Bond	57.97	58.73†	+1.20	6.63
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.72	69.00†	+0.05	5.65
Extra Income	51.29	54.56	+0.87	7.06
Gilt Yield	119.90	126.40	-0.60	7.92
Global Income	193.80	206.20†	+4.60	4.15
High Yield	128.70	136.90†	-0.40	6.41
Smllr Cos Div	43.64	46.43†	+1.84	5.15
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	91.67	97.52	+2.91	...
North American	77.63	82.58	+3.28	0.42
European	130.80	139.10	+1.80	0.91
Euro Special	78.21	83.20	+1.29	1.00
General	258.00	274.50	+0.10	3.47
Japan	325.90	346.70	+5.80	...
Japanese Special	178.10	189.50	+6.60	...
Master Acc	213.10	226.70	+2.90	1.46
Pacific	246.10	261.80	+8.10	0.50
Smaller Cos	92.70	98.62	-2.28	2.34
UK Equity Gth	33.34	35.47†	-0.18	2.79
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.56	77.19	+0.31	0.73
Extra Income	23.54	25.04	+0.13	3.56

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Far East	23.98	25.51	+0.96	0.98
Income Gwth	70.78	75.20†	+0.67	3.09
Intl Growth	49.40	52.55	+1.08	1.01
Japan	52.63	55.99†	+1.09	...
Maximum Dist*	100.60	102.60†	+0.20	8.15
N Amer Equity	40.99	43.61	+1.51	0.50
UK Equity	83.50	88.83	-0.04	2.99
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.23	54.50†	-0.36	4.88
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	414.90	441.40	+2.00	2.99
Equity Acc	781.20	831.10	-3.60	2.99
Equity Income	88.57	94.22†	-0.63	5.24
European	96.54	102.70†	+2.30	1.67
Far Eastern	164.90	175.40	+7.10	0.33
Fixed Interest	50.92	54.17	+0.52	8.00
Gilt	91.37	96.89	+0.53	6.80
Global Growth	63.93	68.01	+2.61	0.76
Intl Bond	58.35	62.07†	+1.55	5.40
Japanese	56.95	60.58	+1.70	...
Overseas Equity	92.70	98.62	+4.01	0.80
Pacific Gth	82.34	87.60	+4.75	1.28
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	308.60	328.40	-0.50	3.10
-do- Acc	668.30	711.00	-1.20	3.10
Contl Euro Gth	51.21	53.91	+0.45	1.36
-do- Acc	54.15	57.00	+0.47	1.36
Extra Inc	232.60	247.50	+0.30	4.13
-do- Acc	565.60	601.80	+0.70	4.13
German Gth	102.80	108.30	+1.90	0.18
-do- Acc	107.80	113.50	+2.00	0.18
Growth Port	473.40	503.50	+0.20	1.71
-do- Acc	473.40	503.50	+0.20	1.71
Income	434.70	462.50	+0.70	3.88
-do- Acc	1101.0	1172.0	+2.00	3.88
Income Port	479.30	509.90	+1.30	5.13
-do- Acc	479.30	509.90	+1.30	5.13
Japan Growth	77.60	82.56	+0.91	0.01
-do- Acc	77.87	82.85	+0.92	0.01
Master Trust	50.75	53.99	+0.44	1.40
-do- Acc	55.19	58.72	+0.48	1.40
N American Gen	186.50	198.50	+3.80	0.01
-do- Acc	215.40	229.20	+4.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	133.60	142.20	+1.70	0.01
-do- Acc	136.30	145.00	+1.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	194.90	207.40	+6.00	0.54
-do- Acc	206.00	219.20	+6.40	0.54
Small Cos Rec	295.30	310.90	+9.10	2.39
-do- Acc	380.90	401.00	+11.70	2.39
UK Growth	76.89	81.80	+1.02	2.49
-do- Acc	89.64	95.37	+1.18	2.49
Worldwide Gth	269.80	287.10	+5.00	0.31
-do- Acc	397.50	422.90	+7.30	0.31
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	75.09	80.57	-0.22	3.10
Income	58.54	62.81	-0.06	6.00
International	54.21	58.16	+0.93	0.80
American	60.39	64.80	+1.71	0.30
Japan	41.18	44.18	+0.61	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.79	56.64	-0.03	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	396.10	418.60†	+15.20	0.91
-do- Acc	488.80	516.60	+18.90	0.91
American Rec	410.80	434.40	+16.80	0.55
-do- Acc	470.00	497.00	+19.30	0.55
Am Sm Co Acc	117.10	125.20	+2.10	0.11
Australia Acc	138.50	146.50	+5.30	1.72
Capital	601.50	636.10†	+4.80	3.27
-do- Acc	663.70	701.90	+5.40	3.27
Commodity Acc	385.10	407.20	+7.00	1.35
Compnd Gth	774.30	818.80	-1.60	3.43
Dividend	32.50	34.80	...	4.91
-do- Acc	126.40	135.30	...	4.91
Equity Inc	273.70	289.40†	-0.60	5.75
European Div	56.50	60.30†	+0.30	3.02
-do- Acc	63.90	68.20	+0.40	3.02
European Gen	375.30	396.90	+1.80	1.54
-do- Acc	468.90	495.90	+2.30	1.54
Extra Yield	345.10	369.30	-0.70	5.01
-do- Acc	991.70	1061.2	-2.10	5.01
Far Eastern	266.50	281.80†	+10.60	1.41
-do- Acc	350.60	370.70	+13.90	1.41
Fund of Inv	480.00	507.60	+0.60	2.46
-do- Acc	866.20	916.10	+1.20	2.46
General	50.60	53.50	...	4.09
-do- Acc	133.20	140.80	-0.20	4.09
Gilt Fxd Int	61.50	61.60†	+0.40	8.61
do Acc	152.00	152.20	+0.90	8.81
Gold	37.30	39.40†	+0.50	2.07
-do- Acc	43.60	46.10	+0.70	2.07
High Inc	23.30	24.60	+0.20	5.20
-do- Acc	86.40	91.30	+0.90	5.20
Intl Growth	65.70	69.60†	+1.40	1.19
-do- Acc	113.20	119.90	+2.40	1.19
Intl Inc	90.10	95.30	+1.70	5.26
Japan Gen Acc	41.40	43.70	+0.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	118.30	125.20	+1.90	...
Midland	48.40	51.80	-0.50	4.67
-do- Acc	152.90	163.70	-1.80	4.67
Recovery	33.20	35.50	-0.30	3.58
-do- Acc	52.20	55.80	-0.10	3.58
Second Gen	57.00	60.30	+0.20	4.03
-do- Acc	139.30	147.40	+0.40	4.03
Smaller Cos	55.20	58.40†	-0.10	3.82
-do- Acc	104.60	110.70	-0.20	3.82
Trustee	36.00	38.10	+0.10	4.45
Charibond 3	‡110.74	...†	+0.36	9.74
Charifund 2	593.40	599.40†	-0.70	5.32
Pension ex 1	825.30	846.00	-0.10	4.71
NAACIP Inc 3	‡44.75	...†	...	7.96
-do- Acc 3	‡1054.5	...	+2.75	7.96
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	130.70	139.70†	+1.30	2.61
-do- Acc	145.10	155.20†	+1.50	2.61
UK Income	107.00	114.40†	+0.30	3.22
-do- Acc	119.30	127.60†	+0.30	3.22
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	76.61	81.93†	+1.67	0.61
Far East (Pacific)	126.20	133.90	+4.00	0.76
Income Growth	69.19	73.45†	+0.05	4.41
European	64.86	68.85†	+0.29	2.01
Nth American	59.17	62.81	+2.88	1.16
UK Growth	74.14	78.70	-0.21	1.50
Intl Growth	87.13	92.49	+1.55	0.74
Charities	103.80	110.10†	+0.30	4.79
Intl Income	64.23	68.18	+0.78	4.45
Japan	41.65	44.21	+0.92	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	191.80	203.40	+4.30	...
-do- Acc	205.00	217.50	+4.70	...
Cash	100.60	100.60	+0.10	6.00
-do- Acc	128.00	128.00	+0.10	6.00
European Gth	191.40	203.00	+0.40	0.34
-do- Acc	204.90	217.40	+0.50	0.34
General	443.40	473.00	-1.00	2.75
-do- Acc	831.20	886.70	-2.10	2.75
Global Dist	136.60	143.70	+1.80	5.48
-do- Acc	149.70	157.50	+2.00	5.42
Income	131.30	140.00†	+0.10	5.20
-do- Acc	192.20	204.90†	+0.20	5.20
International	366.50	390.60	+10.10	0.95
-do- Acc	486.10	518.00	+13.40	0.95

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Japan	152.60	161.90†	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	156.60	166.20†	+0.80	...
New Europe	130.50	139.30†	+1.30	1.44
-do- Acc	132.70	141.60†	+1.40	1.44
Recovery	274.70	293.10	+0.10	2.39
-do- Acc	343.30	366.20	+0.10	2.39
European Inc	73.87	78.25	+0.67	3.00
-do- Acc	93.73	99.27	+1.11	3.00
Brit Blue Chip	69.49	73.98	-0.27	3.73
-do- Acc	81.37	86.62	-0.33	3.73
Portfolio	71.08	76.41	+0.32	3.13
-do- Acc	80.54	85.62	+0.36	3.13
Gold General	65.30	69.66	+1.48	3.48
-do- Acc	66.20	70.62	+1.51	3.48
Pacific	86.47	92.24	+2.63	0.54
-do- Acc	91.40	97.50	+2.77	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	48.30	51.53†	-0.37	1.11
-do- Acc	53.90	57.50†	-0.21	1.11
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.57	60.50	+0.52	3.39
-do- Acc	56.57	60.50	+0.52	3.39
British Dist	74.03	79.18†	-0.59	2.36
-do- Acc	83.76	89.58	-0.67	2.36
European Gth	167.10	178.30	+1.60	0.21
-do- Acc	209.70	223.80	+2.00	0.21
Extra High Inc	67.22	71.89	+0.64	6.59
-do- Acc	116.80	124.90	+1.10	6.59
FT-SE 100 Index	47.15	50.43	-0.43	3.29
-do- Acc	47.15	50.43	+0.43	3.29
Gilt Fixed Int	56.62	59.00	+0.26	7.07
-do- Acc	147.00	153.10	+0.60	7.07
High Yield	210.70	225.40	+1.50	5.21
-do- Acc	483.60	517.20	+3.40	5.21
Income	265.70	284.20†	+0.80	4.01
-do- Acc	552.40	590.80	-2.00	4.01
Japan Gth	273.60	292.60	+4.70	...
-do- Acc	288.70	308.80	+4.90	...
Mandarin Acc	93.66	100.20	+3.81	1.25
North American	167.80	179.50	+5.70	0.91
-do- Acc	211.00	225.70	+7.30	0.91
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	257.70	274.40†	+10.70	0.46
Deposit Inc	100.09	100.09†	+0.06	6.23
Deposit Acc	121.33	121.33†	+0.08	6.23
Euro Gth Acc	252.70	269.00†	+1.00	...
Europa	116.40	125.00†	+2.20	...
Intl Gth	159.90	170.70	+3.60	...
Japan Tracker	61.15	64.79	+1.40	...
UK Equity Inc	139.00	149.50	+1.00	5.25
-do- Acc	167.40	180.00	+1.20	5.25
UK Ind Tracker	137.00	146.70†	+0.10	3.60
US Eq Ind Trkr	198.40	210.40	+7.70	1.23
-do- Acc	208.70	221.40	+8.10	1.23
Asian Trader	148.50	158.90	+5.60	0.99
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	174.90	178.40†	+3.70	2.63
European	59.61	60.94	-0.29	1.24
Olympiad	52.39	53.77†	+1.06	0.88
Global Bond	48.41	48.94†	+0.81	6.97
Smaller Cos	59.04	61.64	+0.18	1.02
Equity Income	89.17	91.24	+0.09	5.21
UK Growth	80.30	82.67	-0.32	1.83
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	48.78	52.03	+1.98	0.71
Australian Acc	291.20	312.40	+11.20	...
Conscience	62.85	67.07	+1.39	1.48
-do- Acc	67.48	72.02	+1.48	1.48
European	170.60	182.20	+3.90	1.21
-do- Acc	182.30	194.40	+4.20	1.21
Extra Income	70.71	75.46	+0.37	6.27
-do- Acc	106.20	113.30	+0.50	6.27
Far East Gth	151.20	161.60	+9.60	0.12
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.59	60.97	+0.38	7.56
Gold	29.86	32.10	+1.48	...
-do- Acc	32.16	34.57	+1.60	...
Income	50.60	53.97	+0.79	5.56
-do- Acc	151.70	161.80	+2.40	5.56
International	28.60	30.68	+0.77	0.95
-do- Acc	41.09	44.08	+1.10	0.95
Jap Sm Cos Acc	255.20	272.20	+5.20	...
S pore Mly Acc	157	168.30	+8.70	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.22	25.50	+0.30	...
Special Sits	31.27	33.62	-0.18	1.84
-do- Acc	35.68	38.36	-0.20	1.84
Tokyo	66.82	71.27	-0.18	...
-do- Acc	67.50	71.99	+0.19	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.63	69.82	+0.24	3.01
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.96	77.21	+0.20	7.08
N&P Higher Inc	178.20	189.10†	+1.10	5.12
N&P UK Income	96.25	102.95	+0.66	4.22
N&P Intl	83.91	90.23	+0.67	1.99
N&P Smaller Cos	70.45	75.35	-0.66	1.80
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	156.44	166.43	+0.99	2.59
Global	264.96	281.88	+3.70	1.31
Growth	101.39	107.87	+0.38	2.90
Income	193.05	205.38†	+1.38	4.23
Intl Bond	128.61	136.82	+2.84	8.74
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	133.80	140.80	-0.70	2.85
-do- Acc	231.70	243.90	-1.10	2.85
Income	210.10	223.50	+0.70	3.90
Intl Equity	210.10	223.50	+4.50	1.15
-do- Acc	230.00	244.70	+4.90	1.15
Equity	208.80	222.00	-0.20	2.71
-do- Acc	423.20	450.10	-0.50	2.71
UK Intl 25 Acc	65.84	70.04	+0.16	2.18
UK Income	56.99	60.62†	+0.01	3.47
UK Smllr Co Acc	66.54	70.78	-0.58	1.82
New Europe Acc	61.37	65.28	+0.44	1.66
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	85.53	91.48	+3.38	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	94.08	100.63	+1.82	1.50
Intl Gth	443.62	474.46	+9.67	0.91
Income	278.11	297.45	+3.64	4.03
W wide Recov	276.92	296.18	+7.12	1.06
American Gth	200.66	214.61	+8.60	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	171.26	183.17	+4.08	0.19
Far East Gth	181.21	193.81	+6.21	0.28
European Gth	111.09	118.82	+3.16	1.02
UK Growth	70.43	75.33	+0.31	3.07
High Income	76.49	81.81†	+0.79	5.03
Japanese Gth	163.90	174.77	+3.29	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	169.70	180.50	+5.30	0.92
High Income	104.70	111.30	+0.20	3.86
Conv Gilt	111.60	118.70†	+4.10	6.74
Far East	291.00	309.50	+9.80	0.19
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.15	53.35	+1.69	0.55
Emerging Mkts	59.56	63.36	+1.26	0.23

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
General	46.50	49.35	+0.34	3.47
International	81.77	86.99	+1.56	1.31
Gilt Units	25.44	26.23†	+0.13	8.11
Global PEP	34.68	36.89	+0.40	2.11
Income Gth	61.10	65.00†	+0.31	5.41
European	43.46	46.23	+0.45	1.15
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.47	27.10	+0.14	6.15
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Priceback: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.78	30.78†	-0.16	1.66
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.01	101.01†	+0.08	5.56
-do- Acc	104.06	104.06†	+0.08	5.56
Pru Equity	640.52	685.04	+4.14	2.67
Pru Equity Inc	77.25	82.62†	+0.68	4.58
Pru European	171.49	183.41	+2.08	1.84
Pru Global Gth	75.58	80.83†	-1.21	1.59
Pru High Inc	84.26	90.11	+0.60	5.69
Pru Intl	151.46	161.98†	+3.59	1.34
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.25	68.69	+1.35	0.94
Pru Japanese	146.72	156.91†	+3.06	...
Pru Nth Amer	144.01	154.02	+4.85	0.45
Pru Pacific Mkt	72.00	77.00†	+2.53	1.82
Pru Premr Inc	49.40	51.44†	+0.22	7.44
Pru Smllr Cos	78.27	83.71	+0.45	2.05
Pru Spec Sits	95.14	101.75	+0.67	2.28
Pru UK Grwth	106.18	113.56†	+0.54	2.38
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	149.09	160.35	+0.10	3.77
NC Japan	220.81	236.59	+3.74	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.26	97.11	-0.01	2.59
NC America Inc	473.23	507.21	+19.41	0.57
-do- Acc	549.66	589.13	+22.55	0.57
NC Smlr UK Cos	247.19	269.29	+2.14	1.88
NC European	250.15	266.62	+4.26	1.52
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.97	77.62	+2.06	3.93
Capital Units	137.40	146.10	+0.50	1.60
Commodity	96.10	102.20†	-1.80	1.31
European Gth	149.90	159.40	+1.30	1.45
Financial Sec	162.00	172.30	+0.90	2.06
High Return	205.00	218.00†	+0.40	4.99
High Yield	199.70	212.40	+0.50	4.25
Income Units	104.20	110.80†	+0.60	5.29
Investment	164.10	174.50	-0.70	1.51
Japan Gth	114.90	122.20	+1.90	...
Japan Smaller	157.80	167.80	+3.40	...
Masterfund	43.99	46.79	+0.39	1.02
Scotbits	235.60	250.60†	+0.30	2.21
Scotshares	243.10	258.60	+1.30	2.79
Scotyields	212.20	225.70†	-1.30	4.12
Select Intl	124.20	132.10	+2.40	0.70
Smaller Cos	207.00	220.20	-0.30	4.66
Special Situation	104.30	110.90	-1.10	0.86
UK Equity	213.50	227.10†	-0.50	3.10
US Growth	140.70	149.60†	+4.20	0.30
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	241.35	257.43	+7.22	0.70
-do- Acc	260.73	278.11	+7.80	0.70
Australian	128.91	137.50†	+3.87	0.25
-do- Acc	151.05	161.12	+4.53	0.25
UK Enterprise	197.07	210.20†	+2.00	3.10
-do- Acc	227.65	242.83	+2.31	3.10
European Gth	61.50	65.59†	+0.77	1.33
-do- Acc	63.66	67.89	+0.79	1.33
Euro Smllr Cos	55.82	59.54†	+1.13	0.69
-do- Acc	56.21	59.94	+1.13	0.69
Far Eastern Gth	64.32	68.60†	+1.75	...
-do- Acc	65.44	69.80	+1.78	...
Fixed Interest	53.16	56.06	+0.28	8.70
-do- Acc	63.68	67.16	+0.34	8.70
Gilt Income	105.10	110.75	+0.67	8.55
-do- Acc	142.10	149.73	+0.89	8.55
Income	294.84	314.49	+0.95	4.56
-do- Acc	853.99	910.94	+2.76	4.56
Japan Enterprise	52.46	55.95	+0.85	...
-do- Acc	52.46	55.95	+0.85	...
Japan Smllr Cos	334.90	357.22†	+4.89	...
-do- Acc	335.57	357.93	+4.90	...
Pacific Gth	82.84	88.36†	+2.75	0.54
-do- Acc	85.43	91.12	+2.84	0.54
Smaller Cos	180.64	192.68†	+0.89	1.30
-do- Acc	207.02	220.82	+1.02	1.30
Tokyo	84.46	90.09	+1.19	...
-do- Acc	85.31	91.00	+1.20	...
UK Equity	197.71	210.89†	+0.74	3.26
-do- Acc	366.14	390.54	+1.35	3.26
US Smllr Cos	126.10	134.50	+3.34	...
-do- Acc	126.10	134.50	+3.34	...
World Fd	67.43	71.92†	+0.74	1.74
-do- Acc	71.16	75.90	+0.78	1.74
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	41.80	44.52	-0.03	4.38
Equity Strategy	60.40	64.33	-0.23	1.86
European Opps	70.69	75.29	+0.15	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.74	102.31	+0.10	5.68
UK Smaller Cos	47.15	50.22	-0.17	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	332.70	355.60	+1.50	3.05
American	250.40	265.90	+8.00	0.92
Pacific	292.70	313.10	+8.00	0.89
European	450.90	482.20	+4.70	1.27
Worldwide	75.77	81.04	+0.67	1.43
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	294.40	313.20	-0.70	2.94
UK Sm Cos Eqty	189.90	202.10	-0.50	2.80
European	325.50	346.30	+1.70	1.78
North American	253.90	270.20	+7.30	0.61
Income Plus Inc	62.31	66.29	-0.04	4.02
UK Spec Sits	63.03	67.06	-0.66	2.58
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.37	26.08	+0.03	3.32
Intl Growth Acc	27.36	29.28	+0.59	1.21
Global Inc Acc	30.31	32.44	+0.42	4.18
Market Ldrs Acc	25.05	26.81†	-0.06	3.14
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	82.77	88.52	+2.52	...
Euro Spec Sits	42.87	45.56	+0.38	...
-do- Acc	45.39	48.24	+0.40	...
Far East Opps	30.20	32.34	+0.76	...
-do- Acc	31.03	33.23	+0.78	...
General Growth	96.12	103.00†	+0.50	2.43
Global Tech	116.90	126.10	-0.40	...
Income Growth	96.28	103.50†	+0.30	3.97
Income Monthly	55.53	59.39	+0.45	5.30
Japan Growth	66.43	70.65	+1.39	...
Overseas Gth	73.19	77.92	+2.04	...
Smaller Cos	67.99	73.10	-0.97	1.94
Special Opps	95.28	102.40†	+0.30	2.04
Wld Spec Sits	44.08	47.49†	+0.66	...
-do- Acc	44.19	47.60†	+0.68	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.31	44.96	-0.02	1.92
Equity Gth Acc	56.85	60.41	-0.47	1.28

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UK Eq General	40.80	43.36	-0.28	2.47
-do- Acc	53.54	56.89	-0.37	2.47
European Acc	40.87	43.43	-0.01	1.35
Far East Acc	48.09	51.10	+0.55	0.36
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.45	32.21	+0.11	6.53
N American Acc	45.07	47.89	+1.52	0.77
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	257.90	279.90	+5.30	1.76
UK Eq High Inc	33.81	35.93	-0.39	4.01
-do- Acc	39.60	42.08	-0.47	4.01
UK Lgr Cos Inc	280.10	304.00	-1.50	3.89
UK Lgr Cos Acc	360.30	391.00	-1.90	3.89
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$283.35	NZ$283.55	0.00	1.11
US Eq	$2.006	$2.013	-0.04	0.71
Far East Eq	Y193.3	Y205.3	-1.50	...
Japan Eq	Y197.9	Y210.2	-1.30	...
FT Europe	112.80	119.80	+1.40	1.67
FT North Am	$1.700	$1.805	+0.04	0.09
FT Japan	Y193.7	Y205.1	-0.90	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	119.40	125.70	+4.40	1.41
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	355.00	377.00	+12.70	0.29
British	909.90	962.70	+1.90	4.68
European	377.00	401.50	+6.80	1.59
Japan	121.50	129.30	+1.80	...
New Pacific	287.20	305.90	+6.50	1.35
Mngd Cash	95.99	95.99	+0.06	5.24
Majority Stg	100.18	101.19	+0.08	5.91
Inv Tst	178.20	188.90	-0.60	2.03
Saints PEP	366.00	385.30	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	703.30	752.20†	+0.60	2.47
N America Acc	113.20	121.10†	+4.00	...
Far East Acc	110.50	118.20†	-0.90	...
W wide Bond	63.84	67.77	+1.49	5.01
European	81.39	87.05	+1.29	0.68
Equity Income	78.47	83.93	+0.32	4.01
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	35.05	37.49	-1.34	0.90
Managed Assets	114.60	122.57	-0.34	3.99
UK Income	35.16	37.61	-0.13	3.90
UK Growth	35.00	37.44	-0.17	3.00
Worldwide Gth	29.30	31.34	+0.51	0.63
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	204.94	218.02	+6.99	0.19
-do- Acc	225.08	239.45	+7.67	0.19
British Gth	83.45	88.78	+1.03	2.23
-do- Acc	97.38	103.60	+1.20	2.23
European	91.99	97.86†	+1.44	1.16
-do- Acc	97.03	103.22†	+1.51	1.16
Extra Inc	177.29	188.61†	+0.12	4.38
-do- Acc	282.79	300.84†	+0.19	4.38
General Unit	255.28	271.57†	+4.14	2.68
-do- Acc	503.72	535.87†	+8.17	2.68
Income	311.18	331.04	+0.44	3.94
-do- Acc	633.81	674.27	+0.90	3.94
International	480.72	511.40	-13.52	0.66
-do- Acc	628.37	668.48	+17.67	0.66
Pacific	318.07	338.37	-11.86	0.04
-do- Acc	333.11	354.37	+12.42	0.04
Premier Income	50.46	52.56†	+0.26	7.81
-do- Acc	103.63	107.95†	+0.54	7.81
Nat Resources	92.94	98.87	+4.86	0.94
-do- Acc	101.91	108.41	+5.33	0.94
Selected Opps	90.75	96.54	+1.43	1.25
-do- Acc	113.32	120.55	+1.78	1.25
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	125.30	133.90	-3.50	0.23
Australia	7.115	7.649†	-0.35	1.05
Equity	176.80	189.30	-1.70	4.51
Euro Spec Sits	141.80	150.70	+0.80	0.58
Financial	37.96	40.67	+0.77	2.98
Global Opps Inc	87.24	93.22	+1.85	2.16
-do- Acc	90.43	96.62	+1.92	2.16
Gold Gen Inc	41.36	44.24	+1.34	0.99
-do- Acc	78.82	84.40	+2.28	0.99
Income	115.30	123.30	+1.00	5.01
Japan General	125.90	133.90	+3.30	...
Preference	22.06	23.61†	+0.41	7.68
UK Capital	100.10	107.10†	+0.80	3.15
Worldwide Cap	193.20	206.40†	+2.60	3.11
World Income	81.97	87.28†	+1.42	3.48
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	71.39	76.14†	+0.74	...
-do- Acc	73.64	78.54†	+0.77	...
Cash	51.35	51.35	+0.04	6.24
-do- Acc	61.11	61.11	+0.04	6.24
European Opps	62.63	66.72	+1.57	0.44
-do- Acc	63.29	67.42	+1.60	0.44
Far East Opps	138.19	147.40	+1.76	0.66
-do- Acc	141.42	150.84	+1.81	0.66
Gold/Nat. Res	38.86	41.45†	+1.96	...
-do- Acc	39.96	42.62†	+2.00	...
Japan	64.35	68.55	+1.31	...
-do- Acc	64.35	68.55	+1.31	...
Little Dragons	66.30	70.72	+2.08	0.70
-do- Acc	68.02	72.55	+2.13	0.70
Oriental Income	40.77	43.48	+1.11	3.66
-do- Acc	51.45	54.88	+1.40	3.66
Tiger	209.69	223.66	+5.08	1.18
-do- Acc	219.33	233.95	+5.31	1.18
UK Small Cos	67.47	72.15†	-0.13	2.26
-do- Acc	78.57	84.03†	-0.14	2.26
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	216.40	230.80	-0.10	4.48
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	11.47	12.20	+0.30	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.60	32.55	+1.16	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.98	40.40	+0.40	0.10
Global Bond	$0.959	$0.999	+0.00	7.20
Penny Share	20.34	21.53	-0.17	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.24	52.24	+0.05	5.83
Gilt Growth	65.58	68.26	+0.39	...
Gilt Income	52.62	54.75	+0.28	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.90	111.30	+0.50	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.711	$0.720	+0.00	...
Challenger	94.57	96.78	+1.71	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388044				
Stockmarket Fd	64.50	68.61	-0.88	2.22

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	4,500	Coats Vyla	836	Legal & Gn	1,700	Scot & New	431
Alld-Lyons	1,500	Cm Union	2,600	Lloyds Bk	4,900	Scot Power	3,200
Anglian W	1,700	Courtaulds	351	MB Cardn	644	Sears	1,400
Argyll Gp	2,900	De La Rue	1,300	Marks Spr	7,400	Svrn Trent	2,000
Arjo Wig	1,000	Eng China C	406	NFC	1,200	Shell Trans	6,900
AB Foods	211	Enterpr Oil	686	NatWst Bk	3,100	Siebe	472
BAA	1,800	Fisons	4,400	Nat Power	1,400	SmKl Bch	1,900
BAT Inds	4,200	Forte	3,000	Nth Wst W	1,100	Smith Nph	3,900
BOC	1,200	GRE	2,700	Nthrn Fds	3,400	Smith (WH)	1,700
BP	7,300	GUS A	702	P & O	872	Sthern Elec	395
BT	7,500	Gen Acc	1,700	Pearson	2,100	Std Chartd	1,200
BTR	5,000	Gen Elec	6,300	PowerGen	337	Sun Allnce	4,000
Bk of Scot	2,000	Glaxo	3,600	Prudential	5,900	Tl Gp	3,100
Barclays	4,100	Granada	1,500	RTZ	1,300	TSB	3,100
Bass	1,300	Grand Met	5,500	Rank Org	2,600	Tate & Lyle	1,400
Blue Circle	1,100	Guinness	2,200	Reckitt Col	968	Tesco	5,900
Boots	1,400	HSBC	2,600	Redland	1,400	Thames W	1,000
Bowater	1,700	Hanson	4,700	Reed Intl	920	Thrn EMI	692
Brit Airwys	1,200	ICI	10,000	Rentokil	529	Tomkins	3,700
Brit Gas	10,000	Inchcape	39	Reuters	660	Unilever	3,200
Brit Steel	5,300	Kingfisher	534	Rothmans	389	Utd Bisc	1,400
Burmah C	226	Kwik Save	52	Ryl Ins	5,300	Vodafone	2,400
Cable Wire	1,800	LASMO	4,100	Ryl Bk Scot	562	Wellcome	2,200
Cadbury	4,600	Ladbroke	6,500	Sainsbury	3,300	Whitbd 'A'	307
Carlton C	358	Land Secs	1,000	Scot Hydro	536	Wilms Hld	3,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3362.17 (-2.97)
S&P Composite .... 442.18 (-0.15)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 16953.35 (+45.96)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6351.99 (+148.11)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 99.9 (+0.1)

Sydney: AO .... 1609.6 (+2.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1684.35 (+25.44)

FT 30 share: .... 2208.4 (+31.9)

Brussels:
General .... 5966.97 (+0.82)

Paris: CAC .... 517.54 (-2.75)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 475.5 (+8.6)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1396.53 (+15.01)
FT 500 .... 1533.39 (+16.68)
FT Gold Mines .... 93.2 (-1.7)
FT Fixed Interest .... 112.34 (-0.01)
FT Govt Secs .... 96.71 (+0.45)
Bargains 35280
SEAQ Volume 671.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 130.53 (-0.12)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 22	March 5	June 3	June 14

Call options were taken out on 26/2/93: Cupid, Harrstone, Mirror Group, Ossory Estates, Polar, Ransomes, Ramco Oil, Sutcliffe Speakman, Tadpole, Tesco, Tottenham Hotspur, Vardon. Puts: Airtours, Dewhurst, ZCL. Puts & Calls: ASDA, Microvitec, Monument Oil & Gas, Ransomes, Williams Hdgs.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 55271)	Mar 93	2835.0	2881.0	2832.0	2880.0	15365
	Jun 93	2851.0	2895.0	2851.0	2895.5	2641
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 293976)	Mar 93	94.05	94.11	94.03	94.04	13805
	Jun 93	94.55	94.60	94.54	94.57	12877
	Sep 93	94.71	94.75	94.71	94.72	4562
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 24006)	Mar 93	96.76	96.77	96.76	96.77	91
	Jun 93	96.61	96.65	96.61	96.65	430
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 468151)	Mar 93	91.89	92.00	91.88	91.99	21559
	Jun 93	92.90	92.98	92.88	92.97	47448
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 378)	Mar 93	110-28	111-04	110-27	111-00	266
	Jun 93				109-20	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 84605)	Mar 93	103-21	104-21	103-21	104-16	20370
	Jun 93	105-03	105-24	105-01	105-11	24213
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	111.72	111.72	111.58	111.60	53
	Jun 93	111.02	111.02	110.84	110.93	1772
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 144567)	Mar 93	94.68	95.38	94.68	95.16	78561
	Jun 93	95.05	95.79	95.09	95.61	31669
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 17581)	Mar 93	90.48	90.55	90.46	90.53	537
	Jun 93	91.51	91.58	91.49	91.56	1355
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 50674)	Mar 93	94.57	94.65	94.57	94.62	1862
	Jun 93	95.28	95.35	95.25	95.31	4180
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 44728)	Mar 93	94.80	95.92	94.00	95.62	18953
	Jun 93	94.70	95.80	94.50	95.48	673

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 76.0 (day's range 76.0-76.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6217-2.6389	2.6232-2.6266	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	47.95-48.38	47.97-48.07	11-14ds	33-37ds
Copenhagen	8.9490-9.0100	8.9490-8.9700	17-11pr	33-23pr
Dublin	0.9607-0.9669	0.9610-0.9631	60-69ds	175-199ds
Frankfurt	2.3338-2.3456	2.3338-2.3370	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	213.64-216.29	213.64-214.37	133-207ds	397-500ds
Madrid	166.62-169.04	166.62-167.60	160-205ds	372-433ds
Milan	2255.10-2284.40	2255.70-2260.20	10-11ds	30-33ds
Montreal	1.7749-1.7869	1.7749-1.7769	0.17-0.00pr	0.20-0.01pr
New York	1.4205-1.4295	1.4205-1.4215	0.39-0.38pr	1.06-1.03pr
Oslo	9.9320-10.0210	9.9320-9.9540	1⅞-3⅞ds	6⅝-9⅝ds
Paris	7.9110-7.9660	7.9120-7.9250	3¼-4¼ds	11⅝-12⅝ds
Stockholm	11.0890-11.1400	11.1010-11.1240	2⅝-4⅝ds	8⅞-11⅞ds
Tokyo	167.47-168.40	167.47-167.67	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	16.37-16.53	16.37-16.42	1⅞-2⅞ds	6⅝-8⅝ds
Zurich	2.1656-2.1762	2.1662-2.1693	¼pr-par	[illegible]

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4235-1.4260
Australia dollar	2.0546-2.0576
Bahrain dinar	0.532-0.544
Brazil cruzeiro*	28273.4-28296.1
Cyprus pound	0.694-0.704
Finland markka	8.3945-8.5105
Greece drachma	314.0-321.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.023-11.033
India rupee	42.70-43.66
Kuwait dinar KD	0.434-0.444
Malaysia ringgit	3.7476-3.7546
Mexico peso	4.40-4.41
New Zealand dollar	2.7204-2.7276
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2895-5.4155
Singapore dollar	2.3449-2.3481
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4064-6.4821
S Africa rand (com)	4.4639-4.4700
U A E dirham	5.1805-5.3045

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4413-1.4423
Austria	11.53-11.55
Belgium (Com)	33.75-33.79
Canada	1.2500-1.2505
Denmark	6.2925-6.3025
France	5.5675-5.5725
Germany	1.641-1.642
Hong Kong	7.733-7.734
Ireland	1.4785-1.4815
Italy	1595.0-1598.0
Japan	117.90-117.95
Malaysia	2.629-2.632
Netherlands	1.845-1.846
Norway	7.00-7.01
Portugal	150.65-150.95
Singapore	1.645-1.646
Spain	117.75-118.25
Sweden	7.7835-7.7935
Switzerland	1.523-1.524

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 4 Week fixed: 6½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates					
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open [illegible], close 4					
Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.18-3.15	3.43-3.39
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £369m allotted: £100m: Bids: £98.65% received: 74%; Last week: £98.65% received: 66%; Avge rate: £5.4148% last wk £5.4134%; Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $329.70-330.10 Close: $328.30-328.70 High: $329.70-330.10 Low: $326.60-327.10 Krugerrand: $327.00-329.00 (£229.50-231.50)
Sovereigns: Old $78.50-81.50 (£52.50-54.50) New $78.50-81.50 (£52.50-54.50)
Platinum: $345.00 (£242.10) Silver: $3.58 (£2.515) Palladium: $100.15 (£70.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	48	58	64	5	19	25
(*586)	600	15	28	37	26	47	49
ASDA	57	9	13	14	2½	5½	7
(*62)	67	4	8½	10	6½	11	13
Bass	550	41	57	70	10	23	30
(*577)	600	16	31	41	34	47	57
Boots	460	38	46	58	6½	19	24
(*487½)	500	14	27	37	24	40	43
Br Airways	280	20	28	33	10	22	26
(*291)	300	10	18	24	20	33	37
BP	240	43	47	51	2	5½	8
(*276½)	260	25	33	37	5	10½	14
	280	11	21	27	12	19	23
Br Steel	70	13	17	19	2½	5½	7
(*80½)	80	6	12	14	7	11	12½
C & W	700	55	74	83	8	24	35
(*742½)	750	24	46	57	29	48	56
CU	580	23	41	48	19	29	39
(*595)	629	6	21	28	54	60	68
Courtauld	550	32	47	57	16	32	38
(*565)	600	11	24	35	46	62	67
GKN	460	18	29	36	22	30	38
(*467½)	500	5	15	21	53	56	64
Grnd Met	420	42	56	63	6	16	22
(*452)	460	17	32	42	22	34	39
ICI	1150	65	95	110	35	60	84
(*1205)	1200	37	68	87	62	85	110
	1250	16	50	67	100	120	140
Kingfishr	535	31	45	53	13	30	40
(*543½)	584	10	24	32	42	60	65
Ladbroke	180	22	29	35	5	15	22
(*196)	200	9	18	25	19	26	33
Land Sec	460	29	35	41	5	19	22
(*481½)	500	7	14	21	25	44	45
M & S	300	35	40	44	3	8½	12
(*320½)	330	13	21	27	10	21	24
Sainsbury	500	33	43	53	9	22	26
(*525)	550	11	19	29	36	50	55
Shell	550	29	45	53	8	16	25
(*585)	600	6½	19	26	37	43	50
Smkl Bch	420	41	54	63	7½	17	24
(*453)	460	16	30	43	35	36	43
Storehse	180	11	18	23	10½	15	21
(*181½)	200	5	10	15	24	30	34
Trafalgar	70	12	14	18	3	5½	7
(*79)	80	5½	9	12½	6	11	13
Unilever	1200	38	65	84	32	48	57
(*1224½)	1250	15	42	60	63	80	87
Utd Bisc	360	23	31	39	12	18	24
(*378½)	390	7½	17	25	29	36	39

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	47	58	72	17	32	40
(*773½)	800	22	35	48	43	57	65
BAT Ind	900	62	80	89	25	33	52
(*947½)	950	35	52	65	52	62	80
BTR	550	21	31	38	22	28	34
(*559)	600	5	12	19	60	62	67
Br Aero	260	28	39	48	25	32	41
(*265)	280	19	32	41	40	44	53
Br Telcm	390	38	43	46	5½	12	17
(*417½)	420	17	23	29	16	26	31
Cadbury	420	50	56	63	6½	12	18
(*468½)	460	21	32	40	23	29	33
Guinness	420	43	53	59	10	17	23
(*454)	460	19	30	40	30	37	42
GEC	280	25	29	32	6	12	14½
(*293½)	300	12	17	21	13½	21	25
Hanson	240	15½	20	23	7	11½	15
(*252½)	260	6½	10½	14	18½	22	26
LASMO	160	23	30	34	8½	13	18
(*181½)	180	12	20	25	18	23	29
Lucas	130	18	23	27	8	14	18
(*139)	140	10	18	22	12	18	24
P & O	500	59	68	70	18	28	41
(*548½)	550	28	40	44	43	53	67
Pilkngtn	100	15	19	24	5	10	12
(*107½)	110	10	14	19	9½	15	18
Prudential	300	22	28	33	12	17	22
(*315½)	330	7½	15	20	30	34	39
RTZ	650	33	49	60	32	45	57
(*668½)	700	14	26	38	70	75	87
Scot New	420	34	40	48	12	25	29
(*438)	460	13	24	29	35	48	50
Tesco	220	21	26	31	9	13	14
(*234½)	240	11	16	22	21	23	26
Thames W	500	32	38	45	12	26	29
(*515)	550	9	15	22	38	54	57
Vodafone	360	45	52	61	9	17	24
(*392½)	390	24	35	45	21	31	38

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	360	39	43	52	3½	10	17
(*397½)	390	14	25	33	13	24	30
Amstrad	25	4½	6	7	1	2	3½
(*27½)	30	1½	3½	4½	3½	5	6
Barclays	420	16	26	37	20	31	43
(*424)	460	3½	13	21	53	58	68
Blue Circ	220	14	21	28	10	22	28
(*223)	240	5½	13	19	22	33	39
Br Gas	280	19	25	30	2	9	13
(*297½)	300	7½	13	19	8½	20	24
	330	1½	4	8	33	43	45
Dixons	200	26	34	39	4	9	16
(*219½)	220	11	22	26	9	17	25
Eurotnnl	460	55	73	90	7	26	38
(*505)	500	27	55	68	21	45	60
Forte	180	18	24	30	4½	14	18
(*196)	200	7	14	21	13	25	29
Glaxo	600	69	89	108	5	20	32
(*669)	650	31	60	80	22	39	53
	700	14	39	60	50	68	80
HSBC	550	59	70	85	6	23	33
(*598½)	600	25	42	55	25	46	55
Hillsdwn	140	21	24	27	2½	9	13
(*157½)	160	6½	11	17	10	21	24
Lonrho	80	10½	16	19	2	6	9
(*88½)	90	5½	10	14	6½	11	14
Reuter	1300	87	120	150	17	47	70
(*1375½)	1350	45	90	124	35	70	90
R-Royce	130	9½	13½	18½	5	11	14½
(*135)	140	4½	8	14	10	16½	20
Sears	90	9½	12½	15	2	5½	7½
(*98)	100	4	7	10	5	10	14
Thm Emi	800	45	64	77	7	20	39
(*841)	850	14	36	48	30	41	65
TSB	160	18	22	28	3½	6½	12
(*171½)	180	7	13	18	13	18	22
Vaal Reefs	35	5½	9	9	1½	2½	3½
(*37)	40	3½	6	5½	4	4	6½
Wellcome	850	45	75	100	15	40	53
(*885)	900	20	49	74	40	67	79

Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons	220	19	29	37	15	28	32
(*220½)	240	10½	21	24	25	40	44

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Ele	420	46	53	57	7	17	23
(*454)	460	21	29	36	23	37	43

Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	300	21	32	36	4	10	17
(*316½)	330	5	15	19	18	25	33
Scot Pwr	220	10½	18½	22	3	7½	15
(*227½)	240	2	9	13	16	19	26

FT-SE INDEX (*2867)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Mar	172	130	85	46	25	9
Apr	186	119	110	78	51	30
May	176	139	133	84	73	46
Jun	189	157	150	118	92	75
Dec	270	-	210	-	180	-
Puts						
Mar	6	8	18	35	64	100
Apr	14	25	38	55	85	140
May	28	39	68	91	99	191
Jun	40	50	67	86	132	164
Dec	97	-	135	-	170	-

February 26, 1993 Tot: 29531 Call: 19273 Put: 10258 FT-SE Call: 4758 Put: 6589
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: London cocoa futures market was sold lower in afternoon trade while retaining its overall upward trend. Reports of easier wheat physical markets saw nervous profit takers ease prices down where underlying buying support was once again found. The afternoon saw a complete reversal as reports of stronger FOB trades from shipper buyers saw hedge covering push prices aggressively higher up on light volume.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	734-733	May	819-818
May	747-746	Jul	833 SLR
Jul	758-756	Sep	848 SLR
Sep	769-768	Dec	872 SLR
Dec	787-785		
Mar	807-805		Volume: 8348

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	943-941	Nov	932-930
May	941-940	Jan	944-938
Jul	909-906	Mar	956-950
Sep	919-918		Volume: 3549

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	203.0-01.0
Spot: n/a		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	unq	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	220.0-18.0	May	200.0-98.0
Aug	224.0-22.0		Volume: 150

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	254.0-50.7
Spot: 275.0		Mar	253.0-47.7
May	272.9-72.0	May	256.0-48.7
Aug	273.8-72.5	Aug	260.5-50.7
Oct	255.0-53.7		Volume: 586

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.93	120.37	130.39
(+/-)	-0.16	+10.95	+4.26
Eng/Wales:	81.93	120.25	130.51
(+/-)	-0.16	+11.46	+4.52
(%)	-15.9	-18.8	-14.0
Scotland:	n/a	121.14	129.82
(+/-)	n/a	+10.14	-3.17
(%)	n/a	-51.9	-34.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mar	109.0	110.0	May	unq	unq
Apr	unq	unq			Volume: 21

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	146.75
May	148.00
Jun	148.90
Sep	110.25
Nov	112.15
	Volume: 127

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	142.75
May	143.75
Sep	108.15
Nov	111.00
Jan	113.75
	Volume: 245

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	144.00
Jun	145.00
Aug	148.00
Oct	unq
Dec	unq
	Volume: 20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	45.5	45.0
May	48.0	46.6
Apr	96.0	96.3
		Volume: 85

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/kt)
Apr 67.50-67.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Having exhausted all the news from Opec, the market ended the week on an indifferent note.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.80	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.80	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.80	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.50	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.60	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	192 (-1)	194 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	175 (+1)	175 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	176 (n/c)	177 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	175 (-1)	176 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	71 (n/c)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	175 (n/c)	176 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	173.50-73.75	Jun	173.25-73.75
Apr	173.50-73.75	Jul	174.50-75.00
May	173.00-73.25	Aug	176.25-76.50
			Vol: 13151

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	18.83-18.84	Jul	18.93-18.98
May	18.88-18.90	Aug	18.95 BID
Jun	18.91-18.94		Vol: 16350

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	186.50 SLR	Jun	200.00-02.00
Apr	194.00-98.00	Jul	198.50-11.00
May	199.00-01.00		Vol: 189

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 93	1370	1360	1369
Apr 93	1365	1360	1367
Jul 93	unq	unq	1188
Oct 93	unq	unq	1343

Vol: 61 lots. Open int'st: 2742 Index 1373 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1506.0-1506.5	1529.5-1530.0	1860400
Lead (£/tonne)	279.00-279.25	289.25-289.50	36075
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1013.5-1014.0	1030.5-1031.0	508200
Tin ($/tonne)	5760.0-5762.0	5820.0-5821.0	8590
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1187.0-1188.0	1209.0-1210.0	614900
Nickel ($/tonne)	6035.0-6037.0	6090.0-6095.0	51216

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Defence stands firm as title beckons

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Defence stands firm as title beckons

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

A WIN for Hounslow tomorrow at Canterbury will assure them of the Pizza Express National League hockey championship for the second time in five years.

On November 7 last year, Hounslow were beaten 2-1 at home by Stourport, but have won every match since then and seem unlikely to falter now. Of late, they have been making few mistakes in defence with Bolland and Hobson standing firm. The attack has meanwhile retained its sharpness, with Crutchley, Thompson and Gordon continuing to play with unremitting zeal.

Southgate, who maintained the chase until last week, when they drew 1-1 with Teddington, face a home match against East Grinstead and can, at best, avenge the defeat in the third round of the cup, albeit on penalty strokes.

Reading, having already won the second division title, have no interest left other than to ensure that Osborn stays at the top of the scorers' list. They are at home to Guildford, who are trying to outdo Indian Gymkhana for the second promotion spot.

Beeston, at home to Warrington, have been assured that they are not obliged to release any of their players to a Midlands under-18 tournament, because the National League has priority this weekend.

Oxford University continue their quest for the Peroni premier division B title with a match against Woking today. They need to win their three remaining fixtures to finish on top and qualify for the league play-offs.

Stephen Batchelor, who was suspended temporarily in last week's match against Indian Gymkhana, has been banned by Richmond from playing for them until further notice.

Juan Calzado, of Spain, has resigned as general secretary of the International Hockey Federation, a position he has held since 1984, for personal and business reasons.

Australian captain relieved to become leading run-scorer in Test cricket

Border breaks Gavaskar's run record

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ALLAN Border called it a millstone rather than a milestone and, after all he has been through recently, there was no doubting the relief of Australia's captain as the world record for Test match runs finally fell to him yesterday.

Border, proudest of Australians, would not have chosen to reach the summit in New Zealand, of all places. But as the venue was Christchurch, home town of the world's leading wicket-taker, Sir Richard Hadlee, there was something symmetrical about it.

Sir Richard was present, in that sanctuary for distinguished cricketing pensioners, the television commentary box. "He's well known for his guts and determination and fighting qualities," he said of Border. "I said to him before the match, 'Just go out there and do it'. I've been through it before and it just eats away at you."

Thousands of miles away in Bangalore, India, Sunil Gavaskar was also commentating, for British television, as Border passed his career aggregate of 10,122 runs. "He is a cricketer after my own heart and has shown right through his career what a good cricketer should be," Gavaskar said.

"I was starting to question if I was going to get the runs at all," Border said. He had managed only one run in his previous three Test innings, including the first "pair" of his life in the chastening innings defeat against West Indies in Perth earlier this month.

But in friendlier conditions for batting, and against a less daunting bowling attack, Border cashed in, although not before a trying two-hour period before lunch in which he made only 28. He claimed the record with a deft swipe off his legs for four against Patel to reach 50 and raised his bat, more in relief than celebration, to acknowledge the polite applause of a crowd of around 2,000. He went on to 88 out of Australia's 485 all out, on the second day of the first match in a three-Test series.

This is the 139th Test of Border's 14-year international career and he was out, to Danny Morrison, 12 runs short of a 26th Test century. "Now I want to go on to 11,000 runs," he said. "I have to set the young a target."

Border has constantly played down the relevance of his achievement, pointing out that if, as a batsman, you play more games than anybody else, you have every chance to score more runs. In his case, however, modesty should not forbid the truth.

Border will not be remembered so much for his volume of runs, nor even for the often prosaic way he has made them, but for the circumstances in which so many were scored. For much of his career, Border has been the rock on to which floundering Australian batting has clung, many of his major scores made in serious adversity.

Sir Donald Bradman said from Adelaide: "Australians look upon Border as a typical Aussie battler who has served his country well. Not only does this recognise his skill as a batsman, it is also a tribute to his physical fitness and tough character, because it has taken many years of toil to reach such a milestone."

It was inappropriate that yesterday's runs came in a more comfortable situation on a day when five Australians made half-centuries before Craig McDermott reduced New Zealand to 30 for two with the wickets of Greatbatch and Jones.

The consummate team man, as all at Essex will verify after his two seasons there, Border's wicket has for years been coveted by the world's finest bowlers. Periodically irascible in times of strife, he is nevertheless thoroughly popular and there have been few better ambassadors for the modern Australian game.

Border will lead the Australians to England for the third time this summer but the Ashes will not be his finale. Australia have series at home and away against South Africa in the next 12 months and he hopes to complete his wonderful career, as batsman and captain, against the only opposition he has yet to face.



Star turn: Border steers a ball out of the grasp of Patel during his record-breaking innings against New Zealand in Christchurch

LEADING TEST RUN-SCORERS

A R Border

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50
England	41	73	18	3115	196	56.63	7	20
West Indies	26	50	7	1754	126	40.79	2	12
New Zealand	18	28	3	1218	205	52.95	4	4
India	20	35	5	1567	163	52.23	4	9
Pakistan	22	36	8	1666	153	59.50	6	8
Sri Lanka	7	11	1	543	106	54.30	1	4
Total	139	240	42	10161	205	51.31	25	58

DISMISSALS: ct 113, bowled 51, lbw 16, run out 9, st 9.

S M Gavaskar

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50
England	38	67	2	2483	221	38.20	4	16
Australia	20	31	1	1550	172	51.66	8	4
West Indies	27	48	6	2749	236*	65.45	13	7
New Zealand	9	16	1	851	119	43.30	2	3
Pakistan	24	41	4	2099	166	56.45	5	12
Sri Lanka	7	11	2	600	178	66.66	2	3
Total	125	214	16	10122	236*	51.12	34	45

DISMISSALS: ct 143, bowled 31, lbw 17, run out 5, st 2.

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50
A R Border	139	240	42	10161	205	51.31	25	58
S M Gavaskar	125	214	16	10122	236*	51.12	34	45
Javed Miandad	118	179	21	8569	280*	54.23	23	42
I V A Richards	121	182	12	8540	291	50.23	24	45
D I Gower	117	204	18	8231	215	44.25	18	39
G Boycott	108	193	23	8114	246*	47.72	22	42
G St A Sobers	93	160	21	8032	365*	57.78	26	30
M C Cowdrey	114	188	15	7624	182	44.06	22	38
G A Gooch	101	183	6	7620	333	43.05	17	41
C G Greenidge	108	185	16	7558	226	44.72	19	34
C H Lloyd	110	175	14	7515	242*	46.67	19	39
W R Hammond	85	140	16	7249	336*	58.46	22	24
G S Chappell	87	151	19	7110	247*	53.86	24	31
D G Bradman	52	80	10	6996	334	99.94	29	13

☐ Compiled by Richard Lockwood

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First innings

D C Boon c Parore b Owens 15
M A Taylor c Crowe b Morrison 82
J Langer lbw b Morrison 63
M E Waugh c Parore b Patel 13
S R Waugh lbw b Owens 62
*A R Border c Parore b Morrison 88
†I A Healy c Morrison b Owens 54
M G Hughes c Cairns b Patel 45
P R Reiffel c Greatbatch b Su'a 18
S K Warne not out 22
C J McDermott c Jones b Cairns 4
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 5, nb 6) 19
Total 485

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-149, 3-170, 4-217, 5-284, 6-363, 7-435, 8-441, 9-480.

BOWLING: Morrison 36-11-81-3; Su'a 33-5-106-1; Cairns 31.3-9-87-1, Owens 28-9-58-3; Patel 31-3-145-2.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

M J Greatbatch c Healy b McDermott ... 4
J G Wright not out 4
A H Jones lbw b McDermott 8
*M D Crowe not out 7
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 4, nb 1) 7
Total (2 wkts) 30

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-18.

BOWLING: McDermott 8-4-15-2; Hughes 8-5-8-0; Reiffel 4-2-5-0

England A dismissed in only four hours

IF THE England A team was expected to offer signs yesterday of a cricketing revival after the senior side's struggles in India, they failed. On the first day of their match against South Australia in Adelaide, they produced arguably the worst performance of their Australian tour, collapsing to 152 all out in four hours against an attack rated the weakest in the Sheffield Shield. It was the last thing Martyn Moxon, the England captain, had expected after winning the toss and deciding to bat.

The innings began well enough as Mike Roseberry struck four boundaries before torrential rain drove the players off for 20 minutes, but by the time the players had returned, the impetus had been lost. On a pitch freshened by the downpour, Roseberry was trapped leg-before by Denis Hickey two overs after the resumption having scored 30 of England's first 42 runs. The innings promptly went into decline and the remaining nine wickets added just 110 runs.

Tony Middleton, after compiling 12, again fell cheaply and Graham Thorpe was run out for two just before the interval, although the biggest blow was the loss of Moxon who, after scoring a painstaking 28, drilled a low catch to square leg.

David Millns, fully recovered from his Achilles tendon injury but suffering from an ear infection, was the only player to emerge from the innings with real credit as he scored a valuable unbeaten 21. He then bowled a brisk spell with the new ball, but was unrewarded as South Australia reached 47 for one.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A XI: First innings

T C Middleton c Webber b Reeves ... 12
M A Roseberry lbw b Hickey ... 30
*M D Moxon c Hammond b Hickey ... 28
G P Thorpe run out ... 2
M N Lathwell c Wigney b Reeves ... 6
D J Capel b Reeves ... 7
†R C Russell c Nielsen b Hickey ... 22
D G Cork st Nielsen b Sleep ... 1
D J Millns not out ... 21
M C Ilott lbw b Sleep ... 6
P M Such lbw b Reeves ... 2
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 7) ... 13
Total ... 152

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-61, 3-71, 4-79, 5-92, 6-115, 7-116, 8-122, 9-143

BOWLING: Reeves 13.4-2-57-4; Wigney 16-4-29-0; Hickey 13-4-34-3, McIntyre 8-4-16-0; Sleep 14-7-11-2.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First innings

G Blewett b Cork ... 14
A Hammond not out ... 19
J Brayshaw not out ... 8
Extras (nb 6) ... 6
Total (1 wkt) ... 47

FALL OF WICKET: 1-29.

BOWLING: Ilott 6-2-10-0; Millns 8-1-14-0; Capel 7-0-12-0; Cork 5-1-11-1.

Umpires: D Harper and G Robinson.

Allcock struck down by street fighter

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

TONY Allcock, who collided with a pillar at Preston's Guild Hall on Thursday, bumped into another immoveable object yesterday, and was knocked out by Blantyre's Jim McCann in the semi-finals of the Midland Bank world bowls indoor singles championship.

Allcock's face looked like a defeated boxer's, and he must have felt as if he had gone 15 rounds with a street fighter after losing in straight sets, 7-4, 7-4, 7-1, to his no-nonsense, all-action opponent, who, surprisingly, has yet to play for Scotland. The former champion, who was hoping to win the title for the third time, said the defeat was not because of his injuries.

In the style of a "Hurricane" Higgins, McCann swept through the match, hardly pausing to take stock of the situation before dispatching his bowls down the portable rink. Indeed, if he lays carpets as swiftly as he played bowls on them, he must be the quickest fitter in Scotland.

McCann, still gripping a carpet tack between his teeth, could have nailed the first set, 7-2. Allcock, the world outdoor champion, played a typically audacious trail to ditch the jack and make a double when McCann was holding a set lie, but failed with a similar attempt on the next end.

A couple of bad results added to Allcock's misfortunes, like the running bowl that clipped the jack towards instead of away from McCann's set-winning woods in the second set. In the third set, the inspired Scot's winning bowl nudged Allcock's classy saver out of the count, and set up an all-Scottish final.

McCann's opponent in tomorrow's final will be Richard Corsie, whose socks he was wearing in yesterday's semi-final. Corsie, of Edinburgh, who has won the title twice — in 1989 and 1991 — was rarely troubled by England's Gary Smith, who beat him in the United Kingdom indoor singles final in 1988.

Smith's game is based on his ability to get out of tight corners, but Corsie, who drew and drove with equal facility, played all his shots with supreme confidence.

After losing the first set, 7-3, Smith opened the second with a double, but it was the only time he was in front. Corsie's languid style is no real disguise for his aggressive, almost arrogant will to win, but he will have to be on his guard against McCann, who has no respect for reputations.

RESULT: Singles: Semi-final: J McCann (Sco) bt A Allcock (Eng), 7-4, 7-4, 7-1.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Premier League

Aston Villa v Wimbledon
Crystal Palace v Coventry
Everton v Oldham
Leeds v Ipswich
Manchester Utd v Middlesbrough
Notts Forest v Manchester City
Sheffield Wed v Liverpool
Southampton v Sheffield Utd
Tottenham v QPR

Barclays League

First division

Brentford v Peterborough
Bristol Rovers v Watford
Cambridge Utd v Millwall
Charlton v Bristol City (all ticket)
Grimsby v Notts County
Luton v Barnsley
Oxford Utd v Derby
Sunderland v West Ham
Swindon v Portsmouth
Wolverhampton v Southend

Second division

Burnley v Bradford
Chester v Plymouth
Exeter v Swansea
Hartlepool v Bolton (12.0)
Hull v Fulham
Leyton Orient v Stoke
Port Vale v West Bromwich
Preston v Blackpool
Reading v Huddersfield
Wigan v Brighton

Third division

Bury v Wrexham
Cardiff v Crewe
Carlisle v Rochdale
Chesterfield v Torquay
Darlington v Shrewsbury
Gillingham v Doncaster
Northampton v Scarborough
Walsall v Lincoln
York v Scunthorpe

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston v Yeovil
Dagenham and Redbridge v Altrincham
Gateshead v Slough
Kettering v Witton
Kidderminster v Farnborough
Macclesfield v Welling
Northwich v Wycombe
Runcorn v Bromsgrove
Stalybridge v Stafford
Telford v Bath
Woking v Merthyr

FA VASE: Sixth round: Bridlington Town v Barnstead Athletic; Gresley Rovers v Dunston FB, Buckingham v Tiverton, Canvey Island v Bilston.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Hyde, Bishop Auckland v Marine, Droylsden v Winsford; Emley v Morecambe; Horwich v Radley; Leek v Fleetwood, Matlock v Chorley, Mossley v Southport, Whitley Bay v Accrington Stanley. First division: Caernarfon v Netherfield, Congleton v Rossendale, Eastwood Town v Gretna, Harrogate v Knowsley, Lancaster v Alfreton, Shepshed Albion v Radcliffe Borough, Warrington v Farsley Celtic; Workington v Curzon Ashton. League Cup: Gainsborough Trinity v Workington.

Scottish League

Premier division

Aberdeen v Partick
Dundee Utd v Dundee
Falkirk v Celtic
Hibernian v Airdrie
Motherwell v St Johnstone
Rangers v Hearts

First division

Clydebank v Stirling
Cowdenbeath v Raith
Dumbarton v Ayr
Dunfermline v Meadowbank
Kilmarnock v St Mirren
Morton v Hamilton

Second division

Albion v Stranraer
Brechin v Montrose
East Fife v Clyde
East Stirling v Alloa
Queen of South v Forfar
Queen's Park v Arbroath
Stenhousemuir v Berwick

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Aylesbury; Chesham v Marlow; Harrow v Basingstoke; Hayes v Gravs; Hendon v Dulwich; Kingstonian v Enfield; St Albans v Staines; Stevenage Borough v Wokingham; Wivenhoe v Sutton United. Yeading v Bognor. First division: Aveley v Abingdon Town; Billericay v Lewes, Chelfont St Peter v Maidenhead; Croydon v Hitchin; Dorking v Walton and Hersham; Molesey v Bishop's Stortford; Purfleet v Leyton; Tooting and Mitcham v Barking; Wembley v Boreham Wood; Whyteleafe v Haybridge Swifts. Second division: Barton v Witham, Berkhamsted v Rainham; Edgware v Leatherhead; Hampton v Chertsey; Metropolitan Police v Harefield; Newbury v Hemel Hempstead; Ruislip Manor v Egham; Southall v Saffron Walden; Tilbury v Ware; Worthing v Hungerford. Third division: Clapton v Homchurch; Collier Row v Leighton; Cove v Feltham and Hounslow; Flackwell Heath v Bracknell; Horsham v Aldershot Town; Petersfield Utd v Camberley; Royston v Kingsbury; Thame v Epsom and Ewell; Tring v Hertford.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Solihull; Burton v Trowbridge, Chelmsford v Weymouth; Corby Town v Worcester, Crawley Town v Cambridge City; Dorchester v Cheltenham; Dover v Gloucester; Hastings v VS Rugby, Moor Green v Halesowen. Midland division: Bridgnorth v Sutton Coldfield; Evesham v Dudley; King's Lynn v Stourbridge; Newport AFC v Bedworth, Nuneaton Borough v Hinckley; RC Warwick v Rushden and Diamonds; Tamworth v Grantham; Weston-super-Mare v Redditch; Yate v Leicester United. Southern division: Andover v Gravesend and Northfleet; Baldock v Basingbourne; Dunstable v Canterbury City; Erith and Belvedere v Poole; Fisher Athletic v Ashford; Havant v Sudbury; Salisbury v Margate; Wealdstone v Braintree; Witney v Fareham.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Larne; Bangor v Ards; Carrick v Glenavon; Cliftonville v Omagh Town, Coleraine v Ballyclare; Distillery v Crusaders; Linfield v Newry; Portadown v Glentoran.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City v Bohemians (2.0).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor v Abergavenny; Caersws v Aberystwyth, Connah's Quay v Afan Lido; Conwy v Briton Ferry; Ebbw Vale v Holywell; Flint Town Utd v Cwmbran; Haverfordwest v Llandlloes; Llanelli v Porthmadog; Newtown v Maesteg Park.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Abermawr v Caerleon; Ammanford v Brecon; Caldicot v Momeston; Ferndale v Bridgend; Pembroke v Blaenmonddu; Pontypridd v Cardiff Civil Service; Ton Pentre v Port Talbot.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Mechanics v Glossop North End; Chadderton v Clitheroe; Darwen v Bamber Bridge; Flixton v Atherton LR; Kidsgrove Athletic v Bradford Park Avenue; Marine Road v Blackpool Rovers, Nantwich v Salford; Prescot v Bacup Borough; St Helens v Eastwood Hanley, Skelmersdale v Penrith

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans v Peterlee Newtown; Consett v Brandon, Easington Colliery v Chester-le-Street, Gateshead v Durham City; Murton v Tow Law, Seaham Red Star v Newcastle Blue Star; South Bank v Whitby; Stockton v Northallerton, West Auckland v Ferryhill Athletic

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Ossett Town, Eccleshill v Armthorpe Welfare, Harrogate Railway v Stocksbridge PS, Maltby MW v North Ferriby; Pontefract Colliery v Glasshoughton Welfare; Sheffield v Brigg, Pickering v Ossett Albion; Spennymoor v Ashfield; Winsterton Rangers v Dentaby.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Bideford v Mangotsfield, Bristol Manor Farm v Clevedon; Frome v Elmore, Liskeard Athletic v Westbury; Paulton v Dawlish; Plymouth Argyle v Taunton; Torquay United v Chippenham. Lee Phillips Cup: Torrington v Bridport.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Semi-finals: Lancing Old Boys v Old Chigwellians. Premier division: Old Cholmeleians v Old Etonians; Old Reptonians v Old Carthusians.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey v Ignatians, Enfield v Aloysians, Danes v Tenterdenians, London Old Boys Senior Cup: Westhamians v Wilsonians, Glyn v Tiffinians.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Alexandra Park v Kew Association; Bank of England v Old Latymerians; Barclays Bank v Old Salesians; Carshalton v Midland Bank, East Barnet OG v Old Westminster Citizens; Ibis v Polytechnic, Lloyds Bank v Lansbury; Manor v Alleyn Old Boys; NatWest Bank v Old Parkonians; Old Bromleanas v Crouch End Vampires; Old Esthameians v Old Actonians; Old Lyonians v Old Parmiterians; Regate Priory v Royal Bank of Scotland; Southgate Olympic v Old Sussonians; South Bank Poly v Norsemen; West Wickham v Civil Service; Winchmore Hill v Broomfield.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Third round

Leeds v Castleford (3.0)

OPENCAST NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Wootton v Dudley Hill, Leigh East v Wigan St Patricks Second division: Barrow Island v Beverley.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Leicester Riders v Manchester Giants; Oldham Celtics v Derby Bucks; Thames Valley Tigers v London Towers. Second division: Bury Lobos v Ware Rebels, Coventry Flyers v Brixton Topcats; Lewisham Lightning v Barnsley Generals, Plymouth Raiders v Cardiff; Crystal Palace v Doncaster Panthers Third division: Mid Sussex Magic v Stevenage Phoenix; South London Elephants v Swindon Sonics. Women: First division: Leicester v Rhondda; Thames Valley v Nottingham; Chesham v London YMCA.

LACROSSE

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Heaton Mersey v Stockport, Cheadle v Sheffield Steelers; Timperley v Wilmslow; Poynton v Mellor.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Premier League

Norwich v Blackburn (4.0)

Barclays League

First division

Leicester v Birmingham (2.55)
Tranmere v Newcastle (all ticket, 3.0)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk v Derry City (3.30); Sligo Rovers v Bray Wanderers (3.0); St Patrick's Athletic v Shamrock Rovers (3.0); Waterford v Drogheda United (3.0).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff v Mold.

RUGBY UNION

Charity match
Walsall Select XV v Guanos (Walsall, 2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Third round

Halifax v Wigan (3.0)
Hull KR v Widnes (5.15)
Oldham v Bradford (3.0)

Stones Bitter championship

Second division

Bramley v Swinton (3.30)
Featherstone v Carlisle (3.30)
Rochdale v Huddersfield (3.0)

Third division

Barrow v Keighley (2.30)
Batley v Nottingham City (11.30)
Blackpool v Workington (2.30)
Dewsbury v Hunslet (3.0)
Doncaster v Ryedale York (3.0)
Whitehaven v Highfield (3.30)

BRITISH COAL NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Wigan St Pat's v Waterhead; Higginshaw v Blackbrook.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v Old Loughtonians (Priory LC, Orpington, 1.30); Canterbury v Hounslow (Polo Farm, 1.0); Firebrands v Bournville (Clifton College, Bristol, 2.0); Neston v St Albans (Neston RC, 2.0); Slough v Havant (Wexham School, 2.0); Southgate v East Grinstead (Broomfield School, 2.0); Stourport v Welton (Kidderminster School, 2.30); Surbiton v Cannock (Sugden Road, 2.0); Trojans v Teddington (Trojans HC, Eastleigh, 1.0) Second division: Barford Tigers v Brooklands (Hollyhead LC, Birmingham, 1.0); Beeston v Warrington (Highfields, Nottingham, 2.0); Chelmsford v Brean (Chelmer Park, 2.0); Doncaster v Lyons (Dutbell Park, Scunthorpe, 2.0); Harborne v Cambridge City (Birmingham University, 2.30); Harleston Magpies v Old Kingstonians (Stratford Heath, 2.0); Ipsa v Indian Gymkhana (Exeter School, 2.30); Reading v Guildford (Sonning Lane, 2.0); Richmond v Cheltenham (Teddington School, 2.0).

HA CLUB TROPHY: Third round: Amersham v Stockton (Newlands Park, Chalfont St Peter, 11.15); Guernsey v City of Oxford (Elizabeth College, St Peter's Port, 1.0); North Ncots v Halifax (Goosedale, Nottingham, 2.30); Oxton v Bowdon (Oxton Cricket Club, 12.30).

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ford v Colchester; Wabech v Bishop's Stortford.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Murrayfield Racers v Bracknell Bees; Norwich and Peterborough Pirates v Cardiff Devils; Nottingham Panthers v Humberside Seahawks; Whitley Warriors v Durham Wasps. First division: Medway Bears v Romford Raiders, Slough Jets v Milton Keynes Kings.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Sale v Dynamo London; Woolwich Bruton v Britannia Music (Hackney); Ashcombe Dorking) v London Lynx I; Leeds v Wessex.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL CUP FINALS: Doncaster: Men: Guildford Kings v Worthing Bears. Women: Milton Keynes Quality Cats v Sheffield Hatters.

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Northampton 76'ers v Ipswich. Second division: Brixton Topcats v Cardiff; Houghton Regis Raiders v Camberley Golden Eagle. Men: Third division: Camberley Eagles v Chiltern Fastbreak.

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: Fifth round: Area 1: Puma Sunderland v Barnard Castle; Topspin Darlington v Ashbrooke Sunderland. Area 2: IFG Hallamshire Shelf v Matchpoint Bramhall, Upper Armley Leeds v Wrenthorn Alkrston. Area 3: Long Road Cambridge v Lincoln Indoor; Notts West Bridgeford v Edgbaston Priory. Area 4: Batchwood St Albans v Welwyn Spin; Chesham Three Star v Clearview Brentwood; Middlesex University v Puma Welwyn. Area 5: Riverside Chiswick v David Lloyd Chigwell Area 6: Ealing v Bourne Farnham: Queen's Club v Carlton; Royal Berkshire v David Lloyd Heston. Area 7: Chris Lane Woking v Crawley; Maidstone Fitness v Surrey Country Club; Pavilion and Avenue Hove v David Lloyd Eastbourne. Area 8: Kingsley Pack A Punchers v Alverstoke Gosport; West Hants Bournemouth v Match Point Southampton.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Scottish women's cross-country championships (Irvine).

BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (Preston).

SNOOKER: Wickes DIY British Open (Derby).

SWIMMING: British grand prix meeting (High Wycombe).

TENNIS: LTA indoor satellite tournament (Telford).

RUGBY UNION

3.0 unless stated

Pilkington Cup

Quarter-finals

Leicester v Exeter
Northampton v Moseley
Waterloo v Harlequins (2.30)
West Hartlepool v Wasps

Swalec Cup

Sixth round

Bridgend v Llandovery (2.30)
Dunvant v Cross Keys (2.30)
Llanelli v Newbridge (2.30)
Neath v Talywain (2.30)

McEwan's Scottish League

First division

Dundee HSFP v Gala
Edinburgh Academicals v Selkirk
Hawick v Heriot's FP
Kelso v Boroughmuir
Melrose v Currie
Stirling County v Glasgow High
Watsonians v Jed-Forest

Second division

Clarkston v Stewarts Mel FP
Dunfermline v Preston Lodge
Edinburgh Wanderers v Wigtownshire
Glasgow Academicals v Ayr
Grangemouth v Peebles
Kilmarnock v West of Scotland
Musselburgh v Kirkcaldy

THIRD DIVISION: Portobello FP v Royal High; Morgan Academicals FP v Gordonians, Langholm v Dumfries; Perthshire v Howe of Fife; Corstorphine v Heddington; St Boswells v Hutchenson's Aloysians; Hillhead and Jordanhill v Biggar

FOURTH DIVISION: Leith Academicals v Highland; Livingston v Edinburgh University; East Kilbride v Dalziel HS FP; Lismore v Linlithgow; Aberdeen GS FP v Trinity Academicals; Cartha QP v Stewartry; Alloa v Cambuslang.

Club matches

Aberavon v Cheltenham (2.30)
Aspatria v Durham (2.30)
Bristol v London Irish
Cambridge University v Harrogate
Cardiff v Bath
Coventry v Stourbridge
London Welsh v Glamorgan Wndrs
Maesteg v Abertillery (2.30)
Morley v Orrell
Nottingham v Metropolitan Police
Plymouth v Nuneaton (2.30)
Rosslyn Park v Havant
Rugby v Wakefield
Sale v Fylde (2.30)
Saracens v Bedford
Tredegar v Lydney (2.30)
Walsall v Clifton (2.30)

NORTH: Yorkshire Cup: First round: Bradford and Bingley v Halifax; Bramley v Roundhegians; Harrogate v Wharfedale; Keighley v Beverley; North Ribblesdale v Driffield, Old Brodleians v Ponefract; Old Crossleyans v Hull Ionians, Otley v Redcar; Ripon v Leeds; Rotherham v Huddersfield; Sandal v Hemsworth; Selby v Bridlington; Sheffield v West Park Bramhope, Thornensians v Sheffield Oaks; York v Hull, Yorkshire Shield: Semi-final: Doncaster v Bradford Salem.

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Semi-finals: Hitchin v Kidderminster Carolians (at Nuneaton, 2.30), Fleetwood v Tredworth (at Moseley, 2.30).

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: London: First division: Old Alleynians v Streatham and Croydon. Eastern Counties: Metropolitan Police, Chigwell v Ely. Middlesex: Old Haberdashers v Civil Service Spicers Cup: Quarter-finals: Barking v Southend; North Walsham v Chingford, Sudbury v Eton Manor, Cambridge v Thurrock. Fullers Middlesex Merit Table: London New Zealand v Mill Hill, Old Meadonians v Lansbury. Fullers Herts Merit Table: Fullenians v Tabard, Bisley Southern Merit Table: High Wycombe v Newbury; Salisbury v Marlow CLOB Merit Table: Old Cranleighans v Old Dunsfordians: Old Blues v Old Paulines: Old Reigatian v Old Guildfordians: John Fisher Old Boys v Old Hamptonians, Old Edwardians v Shene; Old Walcountians v Old Mid-Whitgiftians. Seven Counties Merit Table: Cheshunt v Sidcup: Upper Clapton v Sutton and Epsom.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Chelmsford v Doncaster; Exmouth v Clifton; Balsam Leicester v Ipswich: Pickwick v Ealing; Slough v FP Sutton Coldfield; Wimbledon v Hightown. Second division: Blueharts v Cambridge City, Colwall v Sunderland Bedens, Harleston Magpies v Bradford Swithenbank; Sherwood v Trojans; Yate v Bracknell.

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier League A: Ashford v Hampstead and Westminster; Blackheath v Bournemouth, Eastcote v Weybridge Hawks; Lloyds Bank v Old Whitgiftians; Meadenhead v Staines: Old Tauntonians v Tulse Hill; Oxford Hawks v Worthing; Ramgarhia v Anchorians; Wimbledon v High Wycombe. Premier League B: City of Portsmouth v Cheam, Dulwich v Spencer; London University v Beckenham; Old Bordenians v Marden Russets; Purley v Chichester; Tunbridge Wells v Gore Court, Winchester v Fareham, Woking v Oxford University; Wokingham v Old Williamsonians, Hampshire and Surrey: Andover v Old Walcountians; Barnes v Oxted, Camberley v Cheshunt; Epsom v Metropolitan Police; Gosp v Basingstoke; Hamble Old Boys v Pirelli, Lansbury v Fleet, Old Edwardians v Old Mid Whitgiftians; Walton v Merton, Kent and Sussex: BICC v Gravesend; Bognor v Thames Poly; Lewes v Sevenoaks; Midland Bank v Crowborough; Mid Sussex v Greenwich; Old Beccehamians v Eastbourne, Old Holcombians v Horsham, Roch and Gill v Herne Bay; Tonbridge v Brighton, Middlesex, Berkshire, Bucks and Oxon: Aylesbury v Bracknell, Enfield v City of Oxford: Gerrards Cross v Mill Hill: HCC v Morris Motors; Hayes v Southgate Adel; Harrow v Sunbury; Hendon v Amersham; Marlow v NPL: Old Merchant Taylors' v Windsor.

ERNST AND YOUNG LEAGUE MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Khalsa; Coventry and North Warwicks v Olton and West Warwicks; Derby v Edgbaston; Leicester Westleigh v Bridgnorth; Worcester Norton v Hampton in Arden.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Bromley v Hampstead and Westminster; Hounslow v Old Loughtonians; St Albans v Surbiton; Southgate v Richmond; Wimbledon v Teddington

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol v Westbury Banks; Bath Bucos v Hereford; Clevedon v West Gloucester; Marlborough v Exeter University; Taunton v Plymouth, Weston-super-Mare v East Devon, Yeovil v Gloucester.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Billingham Bombers v Durham Wasps; Fife Flyers v Bracknell Bees, Humberside Seahawks v Norwich and Peterborough, Nottingham Panthers v Murrayfield Racers.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Tooting Aquila v Polonia Ealing; Wessex v Speedwell Rucanor, Newcastle (Staffs) VC v Team Mizuno Mallory Lawsham, Leeds VC v Reebok Liverpool City

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: AAA indoor championships (NIA, Birmingham), English men's cross country championships (Parliament Hill, London), Scottish men's cross country championships (Falkirk).

BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (Preston)

BOXING: British heavyweight championship: Herbie Hide (Norwich) v Michael Murray (Manchester) British featherweight championship: Sean Murphy (St Albans) v Alan McKay (Willesden). Cruiserweight bout: Dennis Andries v Dave Sewell (US) (Goresbrook LC, Dagenham).

SNOOKER: Wickes DIY British Open (Derby)

SWIMMING: British grand prix meeting (High Wycombe)

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Saturday portrait: Ryan Giggs, by Michael Henderson

Best intentions keep United's prodigy safely under wraps

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



In the dim and distant past, when Manchester United were just another football club, Al Read's father was a frequent spectator at Old Trafford. Almost as frequently, he left his pie van outside the main entrance, which provoked agitated requests on the Tannoy for "Mr Read to move his pie van at once". "Just listen to that," he would tell his son, the future comedian. "You can't beat free publicity."

Music hall turns and pie vans belong to the past but, when it comes to PR, it is football clubs which are antediluvian. As diners gather today in Old Trafford's (pie-less) executive suite to contemplate Manchester United's championship challenge, one name is likely to dominate conversations — that of a young man whom few outside the dressing-room have heard speak. And that, Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has affirmed, is the way it will be until Ryan Giggs grows up.

Were it not for the two goals this unusually gifted 19-year-old scored towards the end of last Saturday's home game against Southampton, United would now trail Aston Villa by five points. As he lengthens his stride towards maturity, everybody, not only in Manchester, is gossiping about how good a player Giggs could become. Nobody will have the benefit of his thoughts until Fergu son revokes the D (for dumb) notice.

"I am preparing young players to be footballers, not television personalities," is the manager's credo. "The time is not right for someone like Giggs to be exposed to the media. When he has grown up he can do all the interviews asked, but as a teenager he needs to concentrate on the game."

How shielding Giggs from the media will teach him to handle it is not clear. It is not as though a little gentle sparring with the likes of Elton Welsby rivals an appointment with the Grand Inquisitor. Put so bluntly, Ferguson's words amount to post-adolescent potty training.

Maturity can never be defined solely by age. Sachin Tendulkar, who is also 19, has made five Test hundreds for India, and when he played for Yorkshire last summer, shouldering the burden of being the county's first overseas player, he accommodated curious pressmen with charm and tact.

Football inclines towards a different sort of social engineering. From their teenage years until retirement, professionals are mollycoddled to such a degree by clubs, agents and lickspittles that many are ill-equipped to handle what is left of life. Others, encouraged to imagine they are better than they are, become embittered when their careers fail to deliver what they appeared to promise.

At Old Trafford there is always an important subtext. If ever one man cast a shadow over the doings of a club, in terms of skills on the pitch and a capacity for self-destruction away from it, it was at Manchester United. Reds everywhere could happily face Magnus Magnusson on the subject: "George Best, 1963-72, the United years."

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Far more damaging than anything opponents can do to him is the baggage Giggs must carry as Best's latest imaginary heir. It is nonsense of course. To paraphrase Neville Cardus on Horowitz, George Best is the greatest footballer living or dead, but that will never stop dullards making unbidden comparisons.

United fans tend to see a terrific rainbow everytime it rains, so nobody should be surprised that people in Manchester are now talking of Giggs in the same breath as that incomparable virtuoso. Obviously, they have forgotten all those words wasted on the last "new Best", Norman Whiteside.

On one thing nobody has any doubt: Giggs possesses enough class to stand as his own man. In a Premier League that resounds to the clanging of well-drilled journeymen, he represents the most vivid quality in all sport, fantasy. Sir Ralph Richardson's view of acting was that, "at three minutes past eight, you must dream". In football, at eight minutes past three one must dream.

The range of skills that Giggs already has suggests that his flowering could lead to greatness. It is Wales's immense good fortune that, after captaining England Schoolboys, he opted for the land of his birth. Just as it is United's mighty boon that he was whisked away from Maine Road, where he had trained as a young lad, before the apprentice stage.

Best was neither the last, nor necessarily the worst, example of ill-discipline within the game. More recently, a senior international told a police officer who was apprehending him, "the youth of today look up to people like me".

These days, extra-curricular activities can be more worrying, which accounts for United's eagerness to educate their young players in the ways of the world. Rumours abound of drug habits within the game and plenty of undesirable encounters can befall an idle young man with cash, as a short trip across town to Moss Side would confirm.

The club's welfare officer, Paul McGuinness, the son of Wilf, is responsible for shepherding United's outstanding crop of youngsters towards adulthood. "We have 48 players here under the age of 23 and the main thing is that they are brought up as footballers. Most players today are still working-class lads, and although some of them are bright, they are not brought up in an academic sense."

In the next month McGuinness will institute a course for their apprentices to help them prepare for dealings with the media. For two years the young pros will learn, with the assistance of local journalists, to "avoid pitfalls", as McGuinness puts it. Perhaps he could persuade senior members of the staff to join in, starting with the manager.

If any young footballer can survive his celebrity, it should be Giggs. Having a professional sportsman as a father must help — Danny Wilson (Giggs is his mother's name) played rugby league for Swinton and young Ryan was brought up locally, hence the schoolboy allegiance to England.

His goal against Sheffield United in the FA Cup revealed his most notable qualities: pace and a winning left foot. His right foot is employed less frequently, and he has work to do on his heading, but, as someone who can play down either flank or through the middle, there is scope for improvement.

Peter Barnes caused a stir across the city when he was 19, scoring a goal in a Wembley final and winning the PFA young player award, as Giggs did last season. On that occasion Barnes famously dried up in front of the cameras and has spent much of the intervening 17 years living out Paul Simon's words: " *A good day's got no rain, a bad day's when I lie in bed and think of what I might have been*".

These, assuredly, are the best days of Giggs's life. The days before his limitations are exposed, before the accretion of experience deadens the response to that which is now most thrilling, before what Scott Fitzgerald called the "foul dust" that preyed on Jay Gatsby works its malign effect.

He has a glittering career ahead and will no doubt suffer many disappointments. But not nearly so many as those who imagine he is the new George Best.

Clumsy Uncle Eli begins to get his act together

BY RICHARD EVANS

UNCLE Eli, the Frank Spencer of steeplechasing, finally came good yesterday after falling in five of his last eight races.

To describe the Philip Hobbs-trained chaser as a bad jumper is unfair. He is — or was — just plain clumsy. As the West Country handler pointed out after his 10-year-old had captured the Portlane Handicap Chase at Kempton yesterday: "He has always jumped very well in races until he falls. It sounds mad, but it is true.

"He is a decent horse if he could get his act together. Today, he didn't make a mistake of any sort. Maybe, a level track suits him better."

Peter Hobbs, brother of the trainer, and often the victim of Uncle Eli's erratic jumping, dismounted following the comfortable success, and joked: "He owed me that one, I think."

The jockey had even more reason to be happy half-an-hour later when Yellow Spring stayed on gamely to win the Littleton Handicap Hurdle, and provide him with his 31st success of the season, which bettered his previous best tally. Yellow Spring returned with blood trickling from his mouth, having banged his head with a knee when jumping the second last flight.

The eight-year-old has endured more painful injuries, having broken a bone in a hind leg last season. The Gardie Grissell-trained hurdler is now due to run at Cheltenham in the Coral Cup.

Ashfold Copse, whose safe jumping will always help him to win races, also earned his place at the festival in the Sun Alliance Chase after sweeping into the lead at the penultimate fence in the Manor Novices' Chase and holding the challenge of Ru Valentino to provide Mark Perrett with a winning ride on his comeback from injury.



Perrett: winning return

Amanda Harwood said: "Ashfold Copse stays three miles well and, unless the ground comes up soft, he will run in the Sun Alliance. He needs three miles now, as he is much stronger."

Grand Hawk was a somewhat fortunate winner of the opening Bedfont Novices' Hurdle. The odds-on favourite looked likely to be beaten approaching the final hurdle where his challenger, Bally Clover, made a bad mistake.

Henrietta Knight is enjoying her best season by far, and the Wantage trainer looks certain to enjoy more success with Factor Ten. Following a promising debut over hurdles at Huntingdon four weeks ago, the five-year-old stepped up to take the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle.

Factor Ten will make a cracking chaser, and looks certain to stay further in time. However, more victories over the smaller obstacles seem likely before he progresses to steeplechasing.

Brisby rates Renagown highly

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

NORTHERN point-to-point rider Simon Brisby celebrated his third winner under Rules when Red Under The Bed captured the second Times Rising Stars qualifer at Sedgefield on Tuesday. This was his first success in a hunter chase — the others being in novice chases — all achieved within the last 11 months.

Since completing a three-year course in meat technology at Leeds, Brisby has combined farm work with riding out for licenced trainers, initially with Mick Easterby and then at Lambourn with Oliver Sherwood. His first point-to-point winner, Pep Talk, came in 1988 at Garthorpe and he has since taken his total to 17.

Following a second spell with Easterby and a short stay with Bob Woodhouse, he is now Sue Bramall's amateur. However, rides against professionals may now become harder to obtain as he has recently had his 25th birthday and, therefore, has lost his allowance.

He is excited at the prospect of his next racecourse appearance, at Nottingham on Tuesday, when he partners Renagown in a hunter chase. "A lovely big horse," was his comment after riding him out for the first time at Penryn on Thursday. Eight days ago at Edinburgh, Renagown was a length up at the last fence over The Red One when he met it wrong and gave Jackie Thurlow a nasty fall.

Brisby hopes the weather will not be as bad as forecasted as he has three good rides today at **Duncombe Park**, the best of which may be Young Gun in the restricted. A fortnight ago, at the Badsworth, they won a division of the maiden by 25 lengths.

There is more encouraging news of Jenny Litston after her horrific fall at Larkhill last Saturday. Though still unconscious in the neurological ward of Southampton General, she is now breathing unaided and moving her limbs.

Her father, Bill Gooden, is bravely continuing his involvement with the sport and, though not attending himself, is sending My Mellow Man and Les's Guy to the **Mendip** Farmers, where they will be ridden by Justin Farthing.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Army, Tweseldown, 3 miles west of Aldershot (first race 12.00); Berwickshire, Friars Haugh, 1m W of Kelso (1.00); Bolventor Harriers, Lemalcoe, 6m SW of Launceston (1.00); Cambridge University, Cottenham, 5m NE of Cambridge (12.30); Cottesmore, Garthorpe, 5m E of Melton Mowbray (12.00); Mendip Farmers, Castle of Comfort, 6m N of Wells (12.00); Mid Surrey Farmers, Charing, 6m NW of Ashford (12.30); North Herefordshire, Whitwick, 7m NE of Hereford (11.30); Pembrokeshire, Lydstep, 3m SW of Tenby (12.00), Sinnington, Duncombe Park, 1m SW of Helmsley (12.30).

Classical Charm poised for return

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

CLASSICAL Charm, who five years ago was runner-up to Celtic Shot in the Champion Hurdle, attempts to earn a return ticket to Cheltenham for the Queen Mother Champion Chase by winning the EBF Nas Na Ri Chase at Naas today.

In the intervening seasons his public appearances have been limited, but he showed a spark of real brilliance when beating Oliver Sherwood's Young Pokey by a distance over fences at Punchestown last season.

On his only run so far this term he carried top weight of 12 stone into fourth place behind Ebony Star at Navan, and should concede 8lb without undue difficulty to Galevilla Express.

Athy Spirit, Eyelid, and Crowded House, the three top weights in the Robertstown Handicap Hurdle, were among the 40 acceptors for the Smurfit Memorial Champion Hurdle earlier in the week. Eyelid, beaten less than two lengths into fifth place by Glencloud in The Ladbroke Hurdle at Leopardstown when carrying 11st 10lb, looks the pick of the trio, and should win.

Another Cheltenham probable, Atone, can gather further experience in the EBF Johnstown Hurdle. He also acquitted himself well in The Ladbroke by finishing third and has since beaten Gaelic Myth at Leopardstown.

Richard Dunwoody travels to Fairyhouse tomorrow to continue his steeplechasing partnership with Flashing Steel in the final of the EBF Novice Chase series. He never put a foot wrong when beating Allezmoss in the final of another novice chase series, sponsored by the Irish Electricity Supply Board.

Despite his impressive victory there, John Mulhern has no Cheltenham plans for this year, preferring to keep him for the 1994 festival.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

1.00 Stylus.
1.30 Gale Again.
2.00 Otterburn House.
2.30 Nickle Joe.
3.05 Brandon Prince.
3.35 Winnie The Witch.
4.05 Full Of Fire.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

1.00 PETROS VICTOR LUDORUM HURDLE — BBC1
(4-Y-O: £7,115: 2m) (7 runners)

1 114P1 BOLD BOSS 17 (D,C,S) (J Robson) G Moore 11-10 — M Dwyer 93
2 1212 CO-CHIN 21 (D,BF,S) (T Phillips) D Moffatt 11-4 — D J Moffatt 91
3 1 GLAISDALE 23 (D,S) (Cicada Ltd) M Tompkins 11-4 — H Davies 89
4 641912 LIABILITY ORDER 8 (D,S) (J Brown) M Hammond 11-4 — P Niven 83
5 03 MERRY SCORPION 28 (Mrs S Marlow) E Dunn [m 11-4 — A Larnach 50
6 1 STYLUS 9 (D,S) (J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 11-4 — C Llewellyn 98
7 131222 MOHANA 19 (D,BF,F,S,S) (Pipe Scaffmore Racing Club) M Pipe 10-13 . P Scudamore 93

BETTING: 5-2 Mohana, 3-1 Glaisdale, Stylus, 5-1 Bold Boss, 10-1 Co-Chin, Liability Order, 25-1 Merry Scorpion.
1992: SNOWY LANE 11-4 P Scudamore (8-1) M Pipe 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD BOSS beat Leotard neck in 9-runner Ascot (2m 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle. CO-CHIN 16¼l 2nd of 9 to Sharrifa in Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle. GLAISDALE beat Marlin's Lamp 1l in 9-runner Towcester (2m, soft) novice hurdle. LIABILITY ORDER beat Boogie Bopper 15½l in 11-runner Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, soft) novice hurdle on penultimate start. STYLUS beat Sayh 15l in 5-runner Leicester (2m, good to soft) novice hurdle. MOHANA 8l 2nd of 16 to Winter Squall in Ludlow (2m, soft) novice hurdle on penultimate start. Previously 34l 2nd of 11 to Daisy To Dream in grade 1 Cheltenham (2m 110yd, soft) hurdle with BOLD BOSS (5lb worse off) 11½l 4th and LIABILITY ORDER poor 7th.
Selection: MOHANA

1.30 EAST LANCS CHASE (£10,113: 2m 4f) (5 runners) — BBC1

1 1P1122 GALE AGAIN 22 (D,F,S) (P Piller) P Cheesbrough 6-11-4 — K Johnson 95
2 1F2F51 MILFORD QUAY 7 (D,F,S,S) (W Jones) M Pipe 10-11-4 — P Scudamore 89
3 0/111F3- CARBISDALE 392 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Williams) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 — P Niven 89
4 1-3UUR5 MIAMI BEAR 5 (D,S) (J Campbell) Mrs S Smith 7-11-0 — A Jones 91
5 42P-651 STRONG APPROACH 18 (D,S) (Mrs R Carr) J Charlton 8-11-0 — B Storey 78

BETTING: 5-4 Milford Quay, 2-1 Carbisdale, 3-1 Gale Again, 8-1 Strong Approach 33-1 Miami Bear.
1992: LAST 'O' THE BUNCH 8-11-4 N Doughty (5-1) G Richards 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GALE AGAIN 10l 2nd of 4 to Clay County in Kelso (2m 1f, good) chase. Previously 8l 2nd to Whispering Steel in 6-runner chase over course and distance (soft) with MIAMI BEAR (1lb better off) 15l 3rd. MILFORD QUAY beat Its Nearly Time 21½l in 6-runner Chepstow (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft) chase. CARBISDALE 5l 2nd of 9 to Bradbury Star in grade 1 Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) novice chase. STRONG APPROACH beat Yaheab 36l in 10-runner Carlisle (2m, good) handicap chase.
Selection: MILFORD QUAY

2.00 GREENALLS GOLD CUP — BBC1
(Handicap chase: £25,262: 3m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 2651-PP PARTY POLITICS 28 (F,S) (Mrs D Thompson) N Gaselee 9-11-7 — C Llewellyn 92
2 5-1P144 TWIN OAKS 35 (CD,S,S) (J Morston) G Richards 13-11-3 — N Doughty 88
3 1-44UP3 TOPSHAM BAY 8 (D,F,S,S) (E Parker) D Barons 10-10-9 — H Davies 97
4 16-1210 RIVERSIDE BOY 21 (S,S) (Miss H Blagrave) M Pipe 10-10-4 — P Scudamore 88
5 3430-14 WILLSFORD 7 (B,BF,S,S) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-0 — B de Haan 90
6 0-34P11 PLENTY CRACK 22 (D,S,S) (B Macdaggart) B Macdaggart 10-10-0 — B Storey 95
7 P-13212 OTTERBURN HOUSE 28 (C,BF,F,S,S) (R Hogges) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-0 — M Dwyer 85
8 014656 KILDIMO 17 (F,S,S) (Lady Harris) Mrs S Smith 13-10-0 — J Callaghan 89
9 122-411 FIDDLERS PIKE 21 (S) (Mrs R Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 12-10-0 Mrs R Henderson 84

Long handicap: Willsford 9-13, Plenty Crack 9-8, Otterburn House 9-5, Kildimo 9-3, Fiddlers Pike 9-2.
BETTING: 9-4 Otterburn House, 5-2 Riverside Boy, 5-1 Twin Oaks, 8-1 Party Politics, 10-1 Topsham Bay, Willsford, 14-1 Fiddlers Pike, Plenty Crack, 20-1 Kildimo.
1992: COOL GROUND 10-11-3 A Maguire (12-1) G Balding 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

TWIN OAKS 18l 4th of 6 to Jodami in grade II handicap chase here (3m, heavy). Beat Pat's Jester 12l in chase over same course and distance (soft) in December with KILDIMO (17lb better off) 27l 4th. TOPSHAM BAY 4l 3rd of 4 to Wont Be Gone Long in Sandown (3m 110yd, good) handicap chase. RIVERSIDE BOY beat Just So neck in 10-runner Taunton (4m 2f 110yd, soft) handicap chase on penultimate start. WILLSFORD 17¾l 4th of 5 to Zola's Lad in Windsor (3m, soft) chase. PLENTY CRACK completed double, beat Bluff Knoll 8l in 7-runner Ketsa (3m 4f, good) handicap chase. OTTERBURN HOUSE 5l 2nd of 14 to Young Hustler in Doncaster (3m, good) handicap chase.
Selection: RIVERSIDE BOY

2.30 LADBROKE RACING HANDICAP HURDLE — BBC1
(£10,552: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1 451U0-3 ONSURMANSHIP 15 (C,S,S) (J Slatt) Mrs J Renfree-Baynes 8-12-0 — H Davies 93
2 30-1545 THE DEMON BARBER 61 (CD,F,S,S) (Stelamotics Ltd) G Richards 11-11-10 N Doughty 96
3 0-22241 JAKARRIDI 26 (D,S) (R Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-6 — B de Haan 85
4 111-541 MAZMOOR 7 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Eubank) A Eubank 7-11-2 — Mr R Hale (7) 93
5 22140-8 ROTHKO 7 (S) (Wetherby Racing Bureau Plc) Mrs S Smith 12-11-2 — J Callaghan 98
6 524050 NINEDRUS 28 (D,F,S) (F Wilson) M H Easterby 7-10-13 — R Garritty 95
7 5331-P5 MICKLE JOE 49 (D,S) (Mrs E Tate) M Tate 7-10-10 — R Bellamy 89
8 10-0601 FOX CHAPEL 18 (D,S,S) (K Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-10 — M Dwyer 97
9 052/FP8 JUMBALOU 7 (D,F,S,S) (M Dawes) R Bastaston 10-10-10 — R J Beggan —
10 450212 METAL DISEAU 15 (B,S,S) (F Ivory) J Moore 5-10-8 — A Charlton 93
11 343131 ANDREW'S FIRST 15 (S) (J Hancock) M Wilkinson 6-10-7 — C Llewellyn 93
12 044F12 DUNCAN IDAHO 14 (D,BF,S,S) (S Dobbs) R Callow 10-10-5 — J Lawrence 98
13 6P24-33 HIGH GRADE 19 (B,D,S) (Under Orders Racing III) Miss S Wilton 5-10-0 — T Eley (5) 94
14 /6062 FIRST DIVISION 19 (S) (W Jesks) W Jesks 10-10-0 — Mr T Jenks (7) 89
15 0236-35 MY SWAN SONG 49 (P) (B McGovern) J Smith 8-10-0 — D Bridgwater 79

Long handicap: High Grade 9-10, First Division 9-10, My Swan Song 9-3.
BETTING: 5-1 Andrew's First, 6-1 Jakarridi, 7-1 Fox Chapel, Onesupmanship, 8-1 Mazmoor, 10-1 Metal Diseau, Nickle Joe, 14-1 Duncan Idaho, First Division, 20-1 others.
1992: DARA DOONE 6-10-4 R Dunwoody (4-1 fav) R Akehurst 13 ran

3.05 VLADIVAR IMPERIAL VODKA NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,947: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 141 AS OU TRERLE 11 (S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-11-10 — P Scudamore 98
2 4-21113 LO STRESONE 21 (CD,S) (Mrs S Clegg) T Tate 7-11-10 — M Dwyer 96
3 00-545 BECK COTTAGE 93 (S) (S Marsh) R Fisher 5-11-6 — R Garritty 54
4 5/25532 BOLD AMBITION 28 (T Hersey) T Kersey 6-11-6 — Susan Kersey 83
5 2/12/43 BOOK OF RUNES 33 (S) (D James) J Edwards 8-11-6 — N Williamson 75
8 2 BRANDON PRINCE 14 (B Mickelson) I Balding 5-11-6 — S Earle —
7 FF3FF3 COMEDY SPY 14 (Mrs J Barnett) Mrs A Hewitt 9-11-6 — R Bellamy 64
8 525/0 DEEP DECISION 22 (A Carter) P Cheesbrough 7-11-6 — K Johnson —
9 4/28 LINKSIDE 15 (Linkside Fabrications Ltd) D Moffatt 8 11-6 — D J Moffatt (5) 87
10 0-50 MURPHY STREET 135 (V Barclay) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-6 — C Llewellyn 91

BETTING: 7-4 Lo Stresone, 2-1 As Ou Trefle, 5-1 Brandon Prince, 8-1 Book Of Runes, 10-1 Bold Ambition, 16-1 Linkside, 20-1 Comedy Spy, 25-1 Beck Cottage, Deep Decision, 33-1 Murphy Street.
1992: BOLLIN PATRICK 7-12-0 R Garritty (7-4 fav) M H Easterby 13 ran

3.35 MAD HATTERS NOVICES CHASE (£3,460: 2m) (4 runners)

1 85 CHALIE RICHARDS 24 (Halewood Victners Ltd) D McCain 6-11-5 — C Llewellyn —
2 65/6/ MACKINNON 922 (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 8-11 5 — N Doughty —
3 4402/0/ LEANDER LAD 899 (D McCain) D McCain 8-11-5 — Mr D McCain (5) —
4 4-1131F WINNIE THE WITCH 21 (D,F,S,S) (Paddocks Racing) K Bridgwater 9-11-4 D Bridgwater

BETTING: 1-3 Winnie The Witch, 4-1 Mackinnon, 8-1 Chalie Richards, 16-1 Leander Lad.
1992: SHAMANA 6-11-6 R Dunwoody (10-11 fav) D Nicholson 6 ran

4.05 DORMOUSE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,602: 2m) (20 runners)

1 1-0 SHEEP STEALER 25 (The Kilroe Group Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-12-3 — W Dwan (5) —
2 ACHIEVED AMBITION (G Johns) J Edwards 5-11-10 — Mr T Jenks (7) —
3 ADDINGTON BOY (Gott Foods Ltd) G Richards 5-11-10 — J Murphy (7) —
4 BILDESTON (T Pryke) K Morgan 5-11-10 — A Larnach (5) —
5 EDEN STREAM (Lord Shrewsbury) B Morgan 6-11-10 — Miss S Baxter —
6 2 FULL OF FIRE 28 (J Gillow) G Richards 6-11-10 — Mr J Weymes (7) —
7 GREAT ORME (D Thomas) D Barons 6-11-10 — NON-RUNNER —
8 00 LAZZARETTO 25 (P Bailey) J Wilson 5-11-10 — R Davis (5) —
9 PALM COURT (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 5-11-10 — Miss L Eaton —
10 SILENCE WILL SPEAK (Mrs S Oakes) M Tinkler 5-11-10 — P Midgley (5) —
11 STONEY BROOK (A Eubank) A Eubank 5-11-10 — Mr R Hale (7) —
12 40 SUPER CORN 98 (G Brodies) D McCain 5-11-10 — Mr D McCain (5) —
13 0 YARSET MISSILE 25 (Target Express Parcels Ltd) D McCain 6-11 10 — Mr D McCain (5) —
14 TATTLEJACK (J Evans) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-10 — D Walsh (5) —
15 5 TOBIN BRONZE 44 (I Bray) M Hammond 6-11-10 — I. Reynolds (7) —
16 1 TEXAN BABY 18 (S) (C Sanderson) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-9 — S Lyons (5) —
17 MY ROSSINI (Mrs C Eaton) P Bevan 4-11-2 — V Slattery (5) —
18 3 RUSSIAN VENTURE 31 (BF) (Europrint Promotions Ltd) P Michaels 4-11-2 N Bentley (3) —
19 STEVE FORD (A Waterton) P Evans 4-11-2 S Donohoe (5) —
20 SKIDDAW CALYPSO (J Watt) S Payne 4-10-11 — D J Moffatt (5) —

BETTING: 4-1 Texan Baby, 5-1 Full Of Fire, 6-1 Sheep Stealer, 8-1 Achieved Ambition, Silence Will Speak, 10-1 Tattlejack, Tob In Bronze, 12-1 Russian Venture, 14-1 Addington Boy, Great Orme, 20-1 others.
1992: MARTELL SPIRIT 5-11-5 R Greene (6-1) D Barons 19 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%
M Pipe	55	144	38.2
T Tate	6	18	33.3
G Richards	34	109	31 2
M H Easterby	9	39	23.1
Mrs M Reveley	3	13	23.1
D Nicholson	5	24	20 8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Scudamore	45	110	40.9
N Doughty	29	83	34.9
R J Beggan	3	16	18.8
P Niven	6	33	18.2
M Dwyer	18	108	16.7

Only qualifiers

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 — B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

FORM FOCUS

THE DEMON BARBER 7l 4th of 5 to Ambuscade in Ayr (3m 110yd, good to soft) handicap hurdle on penultimate start. JAKARRIDI beat Darl Sound 6l in 13-runner Doncaster (2m 4f, good) handicap hurdle with NINEDRUS (9lb better off) 18l 5th. MAZMOOR beat Andermatt pack in 14-runner Newcastle (2m 4f, good) handicap hurdle with ROTHKO poor 12th. FOX CHAPEL beat Far Too Loud 21½l in 9-runner Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft) handicap hurdle. ANDREW'S FIRST beat METAL DISEAU (6lb better off) 5l in 11-runner Newbury (2m 5f, good to soft) handicap hurdle with ONEUPMANSHIP (7lb better off) 11 3rd. DUNCAN IDAHO 12l 2nd of 10 to Amtermat in Uttoxeter (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft) handicap hurdle.
Selection: THE DEMON BARBER

FORM FOCUS

BOLD BOSS beat Leotard neck in 9-runner Ascot (2m 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle. CO-CHIN 16½l 2nd of 9 to Sharrifa in Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle. GLAISDALE beat Marlin's Lamp 1l in 9-runner Towcester (2m, soft) novice hurdle. LIABILITY ORDER beat Boogie Bopper 15½l in 11-runner Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, soft) novice hurdle on penultimate start. STYLUS beat Sayh 15l in 5-runner Leicester (2m, good to soft) novice hurdle. MOHANA 8l 2nd of 16 to Winter Squall in Ludlow (2m, soft) novice hurdle on penultimate start. Previously 34l 2nd of 11 to Daisy To Dream in grade 1 Cheltenham (2m 110yd, soft) hurdle with BOLD BOSS (5lb worse off) 11½l 4th and LIABILITY ORDER poor 7th.
Selection: MOHANA

FORM FOCUS

GALE AGAIN 10l 2nd of 4 to Clay County in Kelso (2m 1f, good) chase. Previously 8l 2nd to Whispering Steel in 6-runner chase over course and distance (soft) with MIAMI BEAR (1lb better off) 15l 3rd. MILFORD QUAY beat Its Nearly Time 21½l in 6-runner Chepstow (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft) chase. CARBISDALE 5l 2nd of 9 to Bradbury Star in grade 1 Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) novice chase. STRONG APPROACH beat Yaheab 36l in 10-runner Carlisle (2m, good) handicap chase.
Selection: MILFORD QUAY

FORM FOCUS

TWIN OAKS 18l 4th of 6 to Jodami in grade II handicap chase here (3m, heavy). Beat Pat's Jester 12l in chase over same course and distance (soft) in December with KILDIMO (17lb better off) 27l 4th. TOPSHAM BAY 4l 3rd of 4 to Wont Be Gone Long in Sandown (3m 110yd, good) handicap chase. RIVERSIDE BOY beat Just So neck in 10-runner Taunton (4m 2f 110yd, soft) handicap chase on penultimate start. WILLSFORD 17¾l 4th of 5 to Zola's Lad in Windsor (3m, soft) chase. PLENTY CRACK completed double, beat Bluff Knoll 8l in 7-runner Ketsa (3m 4f, good) handicap chase. OTTERBURN HOUSE 5l 2nd of 14 to Young Hustler in Doncaster (3m, good) handicap chase.
Selection: RIVERSIDE BOY

Ruling returns to form

RULING, without a win for more than two years and last behind King Credo in the Tote Gold Trophy a fortnight ago, re-established his Champion Hurdle credentials at Haydock yesterday.

A ten-length defeat of Rodeo Star in the Countryside Select Hurdle confirmed that Fulke Johnson Houghton's seven-year-old retains all his ability. He now goes to Cheltenham with a realistic chance of improving on the third place he has filled for the past two years.

The major bookmakers were unanimous in their reaction, with Hills, Coral and Ladbrokes cutting his Champion Hurdle odds to 16-1.

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Police agree to investigate Her Honour case

Jockey Club criticised over doping

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

LORD Hartington yesterday broke his silence over the doping scandal which has engulfed racing as police and the Jockey Club confirmed a second horse has been nobbled.

The announcement that Her Honour, trained by Martin Pipe, was doped before she ran at Kempton on January 22 presents racing with a real crisis of confidence, following the disclosure 24 hours earlier that Flash Of Straw had been "got at" in August before running disappointingly at Yarmouth.

Where will the dopers strike next? More worrying, how can detectives and the Jockey Club's security team begin to reverse a trend stretching back decades which has enabled dopers to go undetected? Integrity and honesty underpin racing, yet the sport is in danger of becoming a laughing stock to the outside world.

The policy decision by the Jockey Club to suppress all information about the two dopings — taken on the advice of the police according to Portman Square — has blown up in its face. Trainers and punters have been treated shabbily and the criminals are still at large.

Lord Hartington, who as senior steward is ultimately responsible for racing's reputation, is acutely aware of the accusations now being levelled against the Jockey Club. Namely, that it misled racing professionals and the betting public by insisting there was no evidence to support widespread rumours about doping, when it knew full well the dopers had struck.

"I understand very clearly there is concern that people have been 'misled.' For me to make some comment now might easily cause greater confusion," Hartington said.

"All I can say is that any serious disciplinary breach, and this is obviously the most serious, automatically leads to the most thorough review."

While the stewards took the advice of police and its security team, headed by Roger Buffham, before consciously deciding not to inform trainers or the public, Hartington yesterday accepted full responsibility. "The buck stops with me. The stewards are responsible and I am particularly responsible — and nobody else," he said.

Nicky Henderson, not normally associated with criticism of the racing establishment, yesterday voiced his doubts about the policy adopted by racing's rulers. "I think the Jockey Club should have tipped the wink to trainers when investigations were going on. How can we increase security if we don't know what is going on?"

Devon and Cornwall police officers, led by Det Supt Michael Walsh, yesterday agreed to launch an investigation into the doping of Her Honour following a meeting with Jockey Club officials — but the chances of an arrest, let alone a conviction, are considered remote.

A fast-acting tranquiliser is thought to be have been used on Her Honour shortly before the 6-4 favourite flopped at Kempton five weeks ago.

Michael Webster, clerk of the course, said: "The racecourse provides a secure stable area and the Jockey Club security services control the entrance to that secure area. That is the extent of the racecourse's involvement in providing security."

Martin Pipe was taking no chances at Kempton yesterday and requested that Grand Hawk, the 6-5 on winning favourite in the opening race, was kept in one of six special security boxes prior to the race.


Hartington: accepts responsibility for policy decision

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WINTER SQUALL
(1.55 Kempton)
Next best: Gold Options
(4.10 Kempton)

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.55 Arcot. 2.25 Cyphrate. 3.00 Kiveton Tycoon. 3.35 Atlaal. 4.10 **MR ENTERTAINER (nap).** 4.40 Grace Card. 5.10 Musical Trend.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 **BRADBURY STAR.**

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.55 DOVECOTE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £6,555: 2m) (9 runners)

101 0F-1124 BIG BEAT 48 (D,BF,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 5-11-7 ... P Holley 92
102 44-2511 CABOCHON 17 (D,G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 6-11-7 ... J Frost 91
103 31 ROLL A DOLLAR 14 (D,G) (K Higson) D Elsworth 7-11-7 ... G Moore ●
104 02-121U ARCOT 16 (D,BF,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Glover 5-11-3 ... S D Williams 91
105 PAY HOMAGE 140F (Miss A V Hill) I Balding 5-11-3 ... D Murphy —
106 330-111 PEACEMAN 36 (CD,S) (Sir Peter Gibbings) Mrs D Haine 7-11-3 ... E Murphy 90
107 13-0511 WINTER SQUALL 21 (D,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 5-11-3 ... R Dunwoody 97
108 AUDE LA BELLE 9F (Mrs V Rapkins) Mrs A Knight 5-10-12 ... S McNeill —
109 111111 HIGHLAND SPIRIT 11B (D,F,G) (L Carver) M Pipe 5-10-12 ... J Lower 86

BETTING: 11-4 Winter Squall, 7-2 Arcot, 11-2 Highland Spirit, 6-1 Cabochon, 7-1 Roll A Dollar, 8-1 Big Beat, 10-1 Peaceman, 16-1 Pay Homage, 20-1 Aude La Belle.

1992: FLOWN 5-11-3 R Dunwoody (3-1) N Henderson 5 ran

2.25 EMBLEM CHASE (£4,077: 2m) (4 runners)

201 P21-P6U YOUNG SNUGFIT 14 (CD,F,G,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 9-12-0 ... J Osborne 92
202 11-6143 CYPHRATE 14 (D,G,S) (Allies Smith & Jones Racing) M Pipe 7-11-7 ... R Dunwoody ●
203 311343 SETTER COUNTRY 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Ireland) R Hodges 9-11-2 ... W Irvine 79
204 12P1P4 EMSEE-H 21 (D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-11-0 ... A Maguire 82

BETTING: 10-11 Cyphrate, 6-5 Young Snugfit, 8-1 Emsee-H, 16-1 Setter Country.

1992: YOUNG SNUGFIT 8-11-0 J Osborne (8-11 fav) O Sherwood 2 ran

3.00 TOTE PLACEPOT HURDLE — C4
(Grade II: 4-Y-O: £10,100: 2m) (12 runners)

301 412054 EDEN'S CLOSE 28 (V,D,G) (Mrs M Barwell) M Tompkins 11-2 ... R Campbell 97
302 15 AMAZON EXPRESS 15 (D,G) (Mrs J Moss) R Akehurst 10-12 ... J Osborne 83
303 05 BO KNOWS BEST 24 (N Goldman) J Sutcliffe 10-12 ... A Maguire —
304 3P CARIBOO GOLD 61 (B) (Shaikh Marwan Al Maktoum) K Bailey 10-12 ... S McNeill 68
305 2661 DESERT FORCE 10 (B,S) (J Naughton) Miss G Kelleway 10-12 ... B Clifford 87
306 4323 EID 127 (BF) (Ladyswood Racing Club) M Meade 10-12 ... J Railton 89
307 0222 GREAT MAX 28 (V) (R Green) M Jarvis 10-12 ... D Murphy 96
308 423 IVOR'S FLUTTER 14 (B,BF) (W Perry) D Elsworth 10-12 ... P Holley 98
309 11 KIVETON TYCOON 93 (D,G,S) (K H (Equine) Ltd) J Glover 10-12 ... S D Williams ●
310 3P PRECIOUS WONDER 10 (M Murray) P Butler 10-12 ... M Hourigan 63
311 140 SCRUTINEER 26 (D,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) D Nicholson 10-12 ... R Dunwoody 88
312 2204 TOP SPIN 15 (J Long) J Jenkins 10-12 ... L Wyer 95

BETTING: 4-1 Ivor's Flutter, 5-1 Kiveton Tycoon, 6-1 Great Max, Scrutineer, 7-1 Eden's Close, Top Spin, 8-1 Amazon Express, 10-1 Bo Knows Best, 20-1 others.

1992: QUALITAIR SOUND 10-12 J J Quinn (11-1) J Bottomley 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CARIBOO GOLD 16l 3rd of 9 to Major Bugler in a novice hurdle at Newbury on penultimate start (2m 110yd, soft). DESERT FORCE beat Night Clubbing 10l in a 5-runner novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft), with PRECIOUS WONDER pulled up.
EID 6l 2nd of 11 to Storm Dust in a novice hurdle over course and distance on penultimate start (good). GREAT MAX 1l 2nd of 12 to Dissimulateur in a novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good), with EDEN'S CLOSE (2lb better off) 1¾l 4th and SCRUTINEER 25¾l 7th. IVOR'S FLUTTER 6¾l 3rd of 20 to Roll A Dollar in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). KIVETON TYCOON beat Only A Rose 3l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). SCRUTINEER beat GREAT MAX 2l in a 24-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft). TOP SPIN 22½l 4th of 8 to Beauchamp Grace in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good to soft), with AMAZON EXPRESS 15l 5th.
Selection: EDEN'S CLOSE

3.35 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN PENDIL TROPHY NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £9,620: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners) — C4

401 1RU6-21 VALIANT BOY 43 (D,F,S) (R Chadwick) S Kettlewell 7-11-10 ... C Grant 77
402 F32221 ATLAAL 17 (C,F,G,S) (O Donnelly) J Jenkins 8-11-7 ... J Osborne ●
403 22/3122 NATHIR 10 (S) (A Taaffe) P Butler 7-11-3 ... A Maguire 73
404 U23-651 RICHVILLE 40 (B,D,F,S) (Major-Gen R Burges) K Bailey 7-11-3 ... J Railton 85
405 10-4231 SNITTON LANE 17 (D,F,G,S) (H Wellie) J Edwards 7-10-12 ... R Dunwoody 86

BETTING: 4-5 Atlaal, 7-2 Richville, 4-1 Snitton Lane, 11-2 Valiant Boy, 20-1 Nathir

1992: TINRYLAND 8-11-3 J Osborne (15-8 fav) N Henderson 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

VALIANT BOY beat Kilbreel 6l in a 3-runner novice chase at Ascot (2m, heavy). ATLAAL beat Wonder Man ¾l in a 4-runner novice chase at Ascot last time out (2m, good to soft). RICHVILLE beat Sartorius 6l in a 9-runner novice chase at Fontwell (2m 3f, soft). SNITTON LANE beat Royal Haven 3½l in a 14-runner novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good).
Selection: ATLAAL

4.10 RACING POST HANDICAP CHASE — C4
(Grade III: £28,110: 3m) (13 runners)

501 134-363 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 44 (CD,F,G,S) (R Baines) K Bailey 11-12-0 ... J Osborne 87
502 11111/3 BLAZING WALKER 21 (D,F,G,S) (P Piller) P Cheesbrough 9-11-13 ... C Grant 90
503 P14113 GOLD OPTIONS 35 (B,C,F,G,S) (J McCaghy) Jimmy FitzGerald 11-11-8 ... L Wyer 84
504 2-61343 ROMANY KING 14 (D,G,S) (U Schwarzenbach) G Balding 9-10-13 ... A Maguire 92
505 11/510 ROYAL ATHLETE 43 (D,F,G,S) (G & L Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-10 ... M Pitman —
506 1-13422 BRADBURY STAR 16 (C,F,G,S) (J Campbell) J Gifford 8-10-10 ... D Murphy ●
507 02-1111 ZETA'S LAD 7 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Upson) J Upson 10-10-10 ... J White 88
508 2P1-631 TINRYLAND 28 (C,F,G) (M Buckley) N Henderson 9-10-7 ... R Dunwoody 86
509 P14344 JOYFUL NOISE 21 (G,S) (A Godrich) A Jarvis 10-10-7 ... T Jarvis 80
510 3430-14 WILLSFORD 7 (B,BF,G,S) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-0 ... 2nd pref —
511 F44-F41 MR ENTERTAINER 14 (C,F,G,S) (M Boddington) N Gaselee 10-10-0 ... J Kavanagh 93
512 4-61335 ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 17 (D,F,G,S) D Murray Smith 12-10-0 ... D Gallagher 87
513 112222 CALAPAEZ 17 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Caine) Miss B Sanders 9-10-0 ... S McNeill 85

Long handicap: Rowlandsons Jewels 9-13, Calapaez 9-9.

BETTING: 5-2 Bradbury Star, 5-1 Blazing Walker, 7-1 Tinryland, 8-1 Gold Options, Romany King, 10-1 Mr Entertainer, Zeta's Lad, 12-1 Docklands Express, 16-1 Calapaez, 25-1 others.

1992: DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 10-11-10 A Tory (6-1) K Bailey 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLAZING WALKER 2½l 3rd of 8 to Armagret in a grade II limited handicap chase at Wetherby (3m 5f, soft), with JOYFUL NOISE (2lb better off) 20l 4th. GOLD OPTIONS 6l 3rd of 6 to Jodami in a grade I limited handicap chase at Haydock (3m, heavy). Previously beat Katabatic 3l in the grade I Newton Chase at Haydock (2m 4f, soft).
BRADBURY STAR 2l 2nd of 6 to Cherrykino in conditions chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good). Previously, 28l 4th of 8 to The Fellow in the grade I King George VI Chase over course and distance (good to soft), with DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (18lb worse off) 28½l 6th. ZETA'S LAD beat Espy 2½l in a 5-runner conditions chase at Windsor (3m, soft). TINRYLAND beat Space Fair a head in an 8-runner handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). MR ENTERTAINER beat Good Tonic ¾l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good), with ROMANY KING (same terms) 3l 3rd. CALAPAEZ 2½l 2nd of 7 to Very Very Ordinary in a handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good to soft), with ROWLANDSON'S JEWELS (4lb better off) 18½l 5th.
Selection: BRADBURY STAR (nap)

4.40 RENDLESHAM HURDLE — C4
(Grade II: £9,500: 3m 110yd) (4 runners)

601 0-64411 SWEET GLOW 17 (D,F,G,S) (Fairford Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-12 ... D Richmond 97
602 2-11112 BAYDON STAR 57 (BF,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 6-11-9 ... R Dunwoody ●
603 1111-12 GRACE CARD 43 (D,BF,G,S) (G Farndon) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-5 ... P Niven 89
604 209-1P3 SAYYURE 14 (CD,F,G,S) (B Lowey) T Thomson Jones 7-11 5 ... S Smith Eccles 88

BETTING: 6-5 Baydon Star, 6-4 Sweet Glow, 5-2 Grace Card, 20-1 Sayyure.

1992: FOREST SUN 7-11-5 J Frost (6-1) G Balding 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SWEET GLOW beat Boscean Chieftain 3l in a 4-runner conditions hurdle at Ascot last time out (3m, good to soft). Previously, beat GRACE CARD (3lb worse off) 2½l in a 14-runner handicap hurdle at Ascot (3m, heavy), with SAYYURE pulled up before 2 out.
BAYDON STAR 1l 2nd of 9 to Muse in a limited handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to soft). SAYYURE beat Mossgara head in a 7-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: SWEET GLOW

5.10 KEMPTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,101: 2m) (22 runners)

1 1 A FORTIORI 54 (D,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 5-12-3 ... D Richmond (5) —
2 1 SCOBIE BOY 25 (D,S) (R Shaw) C Egerton 5-12-3 ... S D Williams (3) —
3 ARCTIC COURSE (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 5-11-10 ... W Marston (3) —
4 ARFER MOLE (W Sturt) J Old 5-11-10 ... B Clifford (3) —
5 CHIEF IN COMMAND (Mrs L Sewell) M Pipe 5-11-10 ... M Foster —
6 GOLDEN CHESNEY (Exors of the late Mrs F Ogden) B Millman 6-11-10 ... D Salter (7) —
7 KINGS CHARIOT (Lady Eliza Mays-Smith) Lady Eliza Mays-Smith 6-11-10 J McCarthy (5) —
8 MAC'S LEAP (G Bailey) Mrs I McKie 5-11-10 ... L O'Hare (7) —
9 2 MR WOODLARK 57 (P Tylor) R Frost 6-11-10 ... R Darke (7) —
10 MUSICAL TREND (P Idris) O Sherwood 5-11-10 ... Mr J Darkan —
11 RUTLAND GATE (R Michaelson) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-10 ... J Ryan (3) —
12 SHELLHOUSE (Lord Pembroke) N Henderson 5-11-10 ... Mr C Vigors (7) —
13 SMITH'S BAND (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-10 ... R Farrant (6) —
14 SOUTHOLT (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-11-10 ... B Murphy (7) —
15 VITAL WONDER (D Lucie-Smith) D Elsworth 5-11-10 ... A Procter (5) —
16 CHARGED (K Cooper) W Jarvis 4-11-0 ... M Hourigan (3) —
17 DEVONIAN (G Libson) Miss J Doyle 4-11-0 ... S Curran (7) —
18 FRANK'S THE NAME (Mrs L Burrage) M Madgwick 4-11-0 ... J Clarke (7) —
19 TWO JOHN'S (P Barber) P Nicholls 4-11-0 ... R Greene (3) —
20 3 WICKFIELD SINGER 38 (BF) (Wickfield Stud) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0 ... D Fortt (7) —
21 DOLPHIN TOWN (B Edgeley) M Muggeridge 4-10-9 ... Mr C Burnett-Wells (5) —
22 SHELDAN (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-10-9 ... Rachel Bridger (7) —

BETTING: 7-2 A Fortiori, 6-1 Scobie Boy, 8-1 Chief In Command, Musical Trend, Shellhouse, 10-1 Arctic Course, Vital Wonder, 12-1 Arfer Mole, 14-1 Mr Woodlark.

1992: CHUCK CURLEY 4-10-7 J Twomey (2-1 fav) B Curley 21 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy FitzGerald	4	9	44.4	M Foster	3	5	60.0
T Thomson Jones	9	22	40.9	R Dunwoody	32	133	24.1
O Sherwood	17	59	28.8	J Kavanagh	4	17	23.5
M Pipe	14	55	25.5	E Murphy	3	15	20.0
N Henderson	17	75	22.7	M Pitman	7	36	19.4
Mrs J Pitman	10	53	18.9	J Osborne	19	102	18.6



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK PARK
BBC1

1.00: Bold Boss, who beat some useful older novices at Ascot last time, is highly regarded by his shrewd trainer and can concede weight all round. Glaisdale may have been flattered by his Towcester defeat of Martin's Lamp as he was receiving 24lb on testing ground.

1.30: Carbisdale, a good novice last season, can make a winning return at the expense of Gale Again, who has not yet lived up to expectations. Milford Quay's suspect jumping may be found out by these fences.

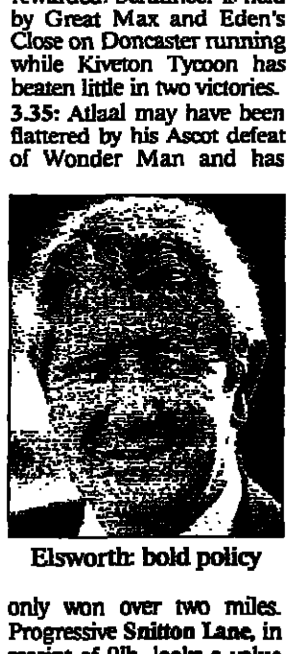
2.00: Twin Oaks has faced tough assignments on his last two starts and will appreciate the longer trip and less testing opposition. With Otterburn House 9lb out of the handicap, Riverside Boy may pose a greater threat to the veteran course specialist.

2.30: Nickle Joe, who beat Valfinet and Baydon Star as a novice last year, is a lively outsider from a stable which enjoys a tilt at the ring. Of the six recent winners, impressive Doncaster scorer Jakarddi may emerge best while topweight Oneupmanship ran well at Newbury after a ten-month break.

KEMPTON PARK
C4

3.00: Ivor's Flutter passed up an easier chance at Wincanton on Thursday to wait for this and David Elsworth's bold policy could be rewarded. Scrutineer is held by Great Max and Eden's Close on Doncaster running while Kiveton Tycoon has beaten little in two victories.

3.35: Atlaal may have been flattered by his Ascot defeat of Wonder Man and has only won over two miles. Progressive **Snitton Lane**, in receipt of 9lb, looks a value alternative.


Elsworth: bold policy

4.10: Mr Entertainer was still going well in the corresponding race 12 months ago when falling three out and is now 7lb lower. He made all at Newbury last time and escapes a penalty. Bradbury Star has been slightly disappointing this term and Blazing Walker is preferred of the market leaders.

4.40: With Baydon Star's stamina unproven, **Sweet Glow** can confirm Ascot superiority over Grace Card.

PHIL MCLENNAN

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER

2.05 Tarda. 2.35 Regan. 3.10 Festival Fancy. 3.45 Sonsie Mo. 4.15 Ah Jim Led. 4.45 TV Pitch.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

2.05 PORT SETON MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,008: 2m) (15 runners)

1 -0P0 ASTRALEON 22 R Allan 5-11-7 ... M Moloney
2 00-P AYIA NAPA 133 Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-7 ... P Williams (7)
3 0246 BACK BEFORE DAWN 22 P Monteith 6-11-7 ... L O'Hara
4 0F BEACH PATROL 22 A Barry 5-11-7 ... Mr M Buckley (5)
5 0-55 CASHTAL DAZZLER 79F (BF) N Tinkler 6-11-7 ... G McCourt
6 046 DONEGAL STYLE 14 J Johnson 5-11-7 ... G Upton
7 0 LEGION OF HONOUR 14 M Naughton 5-11-7 ... S Wynne (3)
8 0362 RAPID MOVER 8 (B,BF) D Nolan 6-11-7 ... D Nolan
9 000 WINNINGTONRIG 7 A Whillans 5-11-7 ... D Bentley (5)
10 0 FLAME OF ARAGON 22 W Kemp 7-11-2 ... S McDougall (7)
11 4/ TARDA 172F Mrs M Reveley 6-11-2 ... J Codd (7)
12 6060 AGWA 8 J Gillen 4-10-12 ... A Orkney
13 4250 COURT OF KINGS 17 J Bradley 4-10-12 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
14 005 LEGITIM 8 J Jefferson 4-10-12 ... R Hodge
15 06 PERSIAN LION 23 F Watson 4-10-12 ... T Reed

5-2 Tarda, 3-1 Rapid Mover, 9-2 Court Of Kings, 13-2 Back Before Dawn, 12-1 Donegal Style, 14-1 Legitim, 16-1 Legion Of Honour, 20-1 others.

2.35 EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY TURF CLUB BA MUG PUNTER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,125: 3m) (5)

1 2161 REGAN 21 (S) J Johnson 6-11-10 ... A Orkney
2 4161 THE YANK 43 (V,CD,F,G) M Hammond 7-11-7 ... G McCourt
3 2P0F CELTIC WATERS 22 Mrs D Thomson 8-10-10 ... C Dennis (3)
4 43PP DISTANT CHERRY 10 (V) D Lee 8-10-8 ... T Reed
5 -P08 ISLAND PEARL 22 (F,G) W Kemp 13-10-8 ... S McDougall (7)

11-10 The Yank, 2-1 Regan, 6-1 Celtic Waters, 8-1 Distant Cherry, 16-1 Island Pearl

3.10 LONGNIDDRY CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,892: 3m) (8)

1 4304 FESTIVAL FANCY 10 (G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5 ... J Codd (7)
2 U345 SET THE STANDARDS 10 (F) A Whillans 5-11-4 ... D Bentley (5)
3 0030 HIGHLAND FRIEND 35 F Watson 5-11-2 ... T Reed
4 P-15 DAWADAR 18 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 6-11-0 ... G McCourt
5 00 FRIENDLY SOCIETY 72 R Lamb 7-11-0 ... A Merrigan
6 5030 KHARIF 14 (F,G,S) R Allan 9-10-13 ... A Orkney
7 0040 TREBONKERS 18 (C,D,F,S) Miss L Perratt 9-10-9 P Williams (7)
8 PFFP MISS TIMBER TOPPER 24 (D,F) Mrs V Aconley 9-10-7 ... C Woodall (7)

4-6 Dawadar, 11-8 Festival Fancy, 20-1 Set The Standards, 25-1 Highland Friend, 33-1 Kharif, 50-1 others.

3.45 EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY TURF CLUB HOLE IN THE WALL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,724: 2m) (5)

1 1123 VAIN PRINCE 7 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 6-12-0 ... G McCourt
2 143F MASTER SALESMAN 35 (CD,F,G) B Rothwell 10-11-6 ... G Cahill (7)
3 PU13 FROZEN MINSTREL 25 (D,F,S) J Johnson 9-11-4 ... T Reed
4 4212 SONSIE MO 25 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-2 P Williams (7)
5 13-2 DUBALEA 21 (D,F,S) J Haldane 10-10-4 ... A Merrigan

6-4 Sonsie Mo, 11-4 Frozen Minstrel, 9-2 Master Salesman, 11-2 Dubalea, 7-1 Vain Prince.

4.15 HADDINGTON MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,164: 2m 4f) (5)

1 0-P6 AH JIM LAD 7 A Bailey 9-11-7 ... Mr A McPherson
2 0P60 OLD MORTALITY 14 R Allan 7-11-7 ... M Moloney
3 FP60 BARTONDALE 12 J Bradley 8-11-2 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
4 R05/ NOBLE QUESTION 850 J Charlton 9-11-2 ... A Merrigan
5 6P0U SHARED FORTUNE 8 W Kemp 5-10-12 ... G McCourt

6-4 Bartondale, 13-8 Ah Jim Lad, 11-2 Old Mortality, 8-1 others.

4.45 SCOTTISH RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,248: 2m 4f) (5)

1 2230 THE GREEN FOOL 7 (S) V Thompson 6-11-10 ... T Reed
2 4840 TV PITCH 25 (F) D Lee 5-11-3 ... G McCourt
3 1005 WHITEWEBB 14 (V,G,S) B Murray 6-10-9 ... A Dobbin (3)
4 /020 PALMAS PRIDE 14 (G) M Hammond 6-10-5 ... D Bentley (5)
5 0-00 RAGE 58 (B,F) D Nolan 6-10-0 ... D Wilkinson

2-1 TV Pitch, 5-2 Palmas Pride, 11-4 Whitewebb, 9-2 The Green Fool, 10-1 Rage

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 13 from 38, 34.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 18 from 57, 31.6%; J Johnson, 6 from 33, 18.2%; M Hammond, 7 from 45, 15.6%; P Monteith, 7 from 46, 15.2%. (Only qualifiers)

JOCKEYS: A Dobbin, 4 winners from 18 rides, 22.2%; R Hodge, 4 from 20, 20.0%; A Orkney, 9 from 50, 18.0%; P Williams, 4 from 23, 17.4%; T Reed, 8 from 57, 14.0%; M Moloney, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

Muse Cheltenham-bound

MUSE, deposed as Champion Hurdle favourite following his 20-length defeat by Valfinet at Wincanton on Thursday, remains on course for Cheltenham. Tom Marshall, who manages the syndicate that owns Muse, said: "The Cheltenham track and softer ground will suit Muse much better. I wouldn't read too much into that performance."

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER

2.15 Favoured Victor. 2.45 No More Trix. 3.20 Inan. 3.50 Smooth Escort. 4.25 Habton Whin. 4.55 Rupples. 5.25 Antiguan Flyer.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT IN STRAIGHT

2.15 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,103: 2m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 0511 FAVOURED VICTOR 8 (G,S) K Morgan 6-11-10 ... A S Smith
2 0124 SASKIA'S HERO 36 (S) J Bottomley 6-11-5 ... J J Quinn
3 -553 FULL O'PRAISE 22 P Calver 6-11-0 ... Gary Lyons
4 0-0 HICKSONS CHOICE 141 J Wade 5-11-0 ... K Jones
5 4-FP TINA'S MISSILE 19 R Lee 6-11-0 ... D Tegg
6 1120 VIENNA WOODS 16 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 ... D Byrne
7 0- WAR COUNSEL 325 Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 ... G Bradley
8 6-00 BETTY ELSTON 21 J Thorpe 5-10-9 ... Annette Billany (7)
9 000 COMMANCHE DRIFTER 17 J Bostock 5-10-9 ... J McLaughlin
10 P THE-ADSTONE-LODGE 10 J Upson 5-10-9 ... Mr T Byrne (7)
11 -164 WORDY'S WONDER 8 (S) L Wordingham 5-10-9 M A Fitzgerald

6-4 Favoured Victor, 9-4 Vienna Woods, 4-1 Full O'Praise, 5-1 Saskia's Hero, 14-1 Wordy's Wonder, 16-1 Tina's Missile, 25-1 others.

2.45 ROSELAND NOVICES CHASE
(£4,012: 2m 6f 110yd) (6)

1 3U11 NO MORE TRIX 10 (G,S) T Tate 7-11-12 ... G Bradley
2 3406 GOOD SEOUL 36 K Morgan 9-11-3 ... A S Smith
3 050P- NOM DE FORT 313 R Spicer 8-11-3 ... J McLaughlin
4 425U RUSTIC AIR 2 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-3 ... D Byrne
5 005F THE DIFFERENCE 14 (B) C Smith 6-11-3 ... D Skyrme
6 0536 THE LIGHTER SIDE 78 (F,G) M Charles 7-11-3 Jody Davies (7)

4-7 No More Trix, 2-1 Rustic Air, 10-1 The Lighter Side, 14-1 Good Seoul, 33-1 Nom De Fort, 50-1 The Difference.

3.20 NEWARK STORAGE JUVENILE HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £4,199: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 3110 SEAGULL HOLLOW 50 (BF,G,S) M H Easterby 11-7 ... D Byrne
2 P DELTA FOXTROT 35 M Banks 11-0 ... D Skyrme
3 P5 DOCTOR BRIGGS 18 Mrs J Jordan 11-0 ... M Sharratt
4 08 FREE TRANSFER 10 J Wainwright 11-0 ... J J Quinn
5 0062 INAN 21 R O'Leary 11-0 ... G Bradley

Evens Inan, 5-4 Seagull Hollow, 7-1 Free Transfer, 25-1 Delta Foxtrot, Doctor Briggs

3.50 COLIN G R BOOTH TRANSPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£7,304: 3m 1f) (7)

1 4542 GOOD TONIC 14 (B,F,G,S) T Etherington 10-11-10 M A Fitzgerald
2 13P1 JUST MOSS 9 (G,S) R Rowe 7-10-11 ... Peter Hobbs
3 24PF ON YOUR WAY 7 (B,S) J Leigh 11-10-10 ... S J O'Neill
4 -621 SMOOTH ESCORT 10 (B,G,S) Mrs D Haine 9-10-10 G Bradley
5 440F FIGHTING JESSICA 28 (G) J Upson 8-10-0 ... Mr T Byrne (7)
6 33FU DECENT MAN 10 (C,G,S) P Beaumont 10-10-0 ... C Hawkins
7 0500 DRY GIN 25 (C,F,S) M Chapman 10-10-0 ... W Worthington

7-4 Just Moss, 2-1 Smooth Escort, 7-2 Good Tonic, 6-1 Decent Man, 14-1 Fighting Jessica, 20-1 On Your Way, 33-1 Dry Gin.

4.25 VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL LONG DISTANCE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,076: 3m) (7)

1 1F0F HABTON WHIN 44 (CD,G) M H Easterby 7-11-8 ... D Byrne
2 /3-60 ANOTHER NICK 70 J Jefferson 7-11-3 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 3103 DESERT MIST 43 (B,F,G) Denys Smith 4-11-3 ... P Waggott (5)
4 4/FP0 GUTE NACHT 25 S Campion 10-11-3 ... D Leahy (5)
5 40/PP MAUREEN'S FANCY 23 J Parkes 8-11-3 ... N Smith
6 RESISTING 5F M Chapman 5-11-3 ... W Worthington
7 3F- SOUL AGREEMENT 327 Mrs S Bramall 6-11-3 ... J Burke (7)

5-4 Desert Mist, 6-4 Habton Whin, 4-1 Another Nick, 12-1 Resisting, 25-1 Soul Agreement, 33-1 Gute Nacht, 50-1 Maureen's Fancy.

4.55 BINBROOK HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,054: 2m 4f) (11)

1 3P06 KISSANE 9 (CD,G,S) C Broad 12-11-10 ... D Leahy (5)
2 1221 BREAK THE CHAIN 31 (F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 8-11-8 ... Mr A Thornton (5)
3 3404 ASTRE RADIEUX 7 (D,G,S) Mrs S Smith 8-11-7 ... A Jones
4 3251 BARKISLAND 23 (D,G,S) P Beaumont 9-10-12 ... G Bradley
5 1444 MARKET LEADER 142 (C,F,G) R Lee 13-10-11 ... D Tegg
6 3/2P- RESTA DANCE 505 (C,F) G Fleming 10-10-11 M Robinson (7)
7 -58P GREYSBY 23 (B,C,G,S) O Brennan 11-10-9 ... D Byrne
8 4022 SOLAR CLOUD 92 (CD,F,G,S) M Charles 11-10-6 ... Jody Davies (7)
9 0011 CASINO MAGIC 10 (D,G,S) J Spearing 9-10-6 ... M A Fitzgerald
10 2533 RUPPLES 15F (C,F) M Chapman 6-10-0 ... W Worthington
11 U653 BILL AND COUP 10 (C,D,F,G) K Morgan 8-10-0 ... A S Smith

5-2 Break The Chain, 3-1 Barkisland, Casino Magic, 8-1 Market Leader, 10-1 Kissane, Rupples, 14-1 Astre Radieux, Solar Cloud, 20-1 others.

5.25 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,160: 2m 3f 110yd) (14)

1 1233 JOHN SHAW 10 R O'Leary 5-11-10 ... G Bradley
2 -150 CHIEF RAIDER 25 (BF,G) P Cheesbrough 5-11-8 ... Mr A Thornton (5)
3 1442 CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN 29 (G) R Brotherton 5-11-7 ... Diane Clay
4 655 NORTHERN SQUIRE 77 J Jefferson 5-10-13 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 215 ANTIGUAN FLYER 38 (BF) J Bostock 4-10-17 ... J McLaughlin
6 43/ MARSH'S LAW 661 O Brennan 6-10-7 ... D Byrne
7 1306 CAMBO 16 (S) M Banks 7-10-7 ... D Skyrme
8 4840 WHATCOMESNATURALLY 42 M Hammond 4-10-3 ... A S Smith
9 42-P HUMMANBY GAP 25 P Beaumont 8-10-2 ... C Hawkins
10 0540 EXPANSIONIST 14 Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-0 ... NON-RUNNER
11 PPP6 TRENTSIDE VALOUR 12 (V) C Smith 8-10-0 ... D Tegg
12 -F80 VALATCH 7 J Harris 5-10-0 ... J A Harris
13 1554 MY LINDIANNE 2 (S) J Dooler 6-10-0 ... W McFarland
14 PP/0P BRIGG MELODY 21 J Thorpe 12-10-0 ... Annette Billany (7)

4-1 Chief Raider, 9-2 Antiguan Flyer, 5-1 Captain My Captain, John Shaw, 7-1 Cambo, 8-1 Northern Squire, 12-1 My Lindianne, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Spearing, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M H Easterby, 21 from 65, 32.3%; R Lee, 6 from 21, 28.6%; Jimmy FitzGerald, 29 from 104, 27.9%; J Upson, 6 from 31, 19.4%; J Jefferson, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: D Byrne, 16 winners from 90 rides, 17.8%; A S Smith, 6 from 44, 13.6%; Gary Lyons, 6 from 51, 11.8%. Only qualifiers

Racing next week

MONDAY: Leicester, Plumpton, Southwell (AW)
TUESDAY: Nottingham, Taunton, Lingfield (AW).
WEDNESDAY: Wetherby, Worcester, Southwell (AW).
THURSDAY: Ludlow, Warwick, Lingfield (AW)
FRIDAY: Newbury, Kelso, Fontwell, Southwell (AW)
SATURDAY: Newbury, Doncaster, Stratford, Hereford, Lingfield (AW).

(Flat meetings in bold)

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.10 Waterlord. 2.40 Another Episode. 3.10 Merlins Wish. 3.40 Mister Jolson. 4.10 Carlowitz. 4.40 Awesome Power.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 RACINGS RESPONSE TO BOSNIA MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,174: 7f) (7 runners)

1 0-04 GOOD IMAGE 14 A Jarvis 9-0 ... D Nicholls 4
2 3222 PURBECK CENTENARY 7 P Howling 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 7
3 3 QUELQUE CHOSE 14 (BF) B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 5
4 000- SCORCHER 151 C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle (5) 1
5 4-52 WATERLORD 14 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... W Newnes 6
6 60 LOBELIA 40 T Naughton 8-9 ... M Jermy (7) 3
7 NO GAIN B Smart 8-9 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 2

5-4 Waterlord, 5-2 Quelque Chose, 7-2 Purbeck Centenary, 8-1 Good Image, 12-1 Scorcher, 20-1 Lobelia, 33-1 No Gain.

2.40 AID TO CROATIA CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,467: 5f) (4)

1 21-2 ANOTHER EPISODE 7 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-7 ... J Carroll 4
2 -531 CRECHE 2 (B,CD) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-1 ... M Humphries (7) 3
3 4-21 LITTLE SABOTEUR 7 (CD,F,G,S) P Makin 4-8-4 ... W Ryan 2
4 000- HARRY'S COMING 150 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-8-3 ... S Drowne (7) 1

8-4 Little Saboteur, 7-4 Another Episode, 3-1 Creche, 8-1 Harry's Coming.

3.10 MEDJUGORJE APPEAL FUND HANDICAP
(£5,692: 7f) (7)

1 -411 ALLINSON'S MATE 21 (C,D,F) T Barron 5-9-10 . Alex Greaves 6
2 2-21 SPENCER'S REVENGE 30 (CD) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-7 ... Dean McKeown 2
3 200- MERLINS WISH 92J (F) R Hannon 4-9-6 ... D Gibbs (7) 7
4 4644 MAC'S FIGHTER 7 (B,C,D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-9-2 ... B Russell (7) 3
5 -531 INVOCATION 7 (CD,F) A Moore 6-9-2 ... N Adams 1
6 00-0 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 7 (V,CD,F,G) M Channon 6-8-13 G Carter 5
7 0-55 APPEALING TIMES 16 (B,CD) W O'Gorman 4-8-10 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 4

9-4 Spencer's Revenge, 3-1 Allinson's Mate, 9-2 Invocation, 6-1 Mac's Fighter, 8-1 Merlins Wish, 10-1 Cheveux Mitchell, 12-1 Appealing Times.

3.40 CHILDREN OF THE BALKANS HANDICAP
(£3,289: 6f) (10)

1 -453 LOVE LEGEND 12 (CD,F,G) D Arbuthnot 8-9-10 ... J Williams 4
2 2-16 MISTER JOLSON 14 (C,BF,F) R Hodges 4-9-6 ... S Drowne (7) 2
3 -414 SALLY'S SON 12 (CD,BF,F) W O'Gorman 7-9-5 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 6
4 0045 SIR TASKER 12 (C,F,G) J Harris 5-9-3 ... B Doyle (5) 7
5 3010 SAMSOLOM 7 (C,F) P Howling 5-9-1 ... Dean McKeown 9
6 -125 SIRMOOR 39 (V,CD) R Hannon 4-8-7 ... A McGlone 10
7 50-6 BLAZING SENSATION 7 R O'Sullivan 5-8-4 ... D Biggs 1
8 4850 TOSHIBA COMET 5 (E,CD,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 6-8-1 ... Alex Greaves 3
9 500- SHARP GAZELLE 126 (D,F) B Smart 3-7-10 Kim McDonnell (7) 5
10 063- SPENDER 86 P Harris 4-7-7 ... N Adams 8

7-2 Sally's Son, 4-1 Love Legend, 5-1 Mister Jolson, 11-2 Samsolom, 6-1 Sir Tasker, 8-1 Sirmoor, 12-1 Toshiba Comet, 16-1 others.

4.10 PEOPLE OF SARAJEVO HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £3,054: 1m 2f) (12)

1 2110 MASTER HYDE 14 (C) P Mitchell 4-12-0 ... R Teal 4
2 1200 RIPSNORTER 14 (S) J Bennett 4-11-5 ... Miss A Purdy (5) 7
3 0-13 LOWAWATHA 7 (CD) D Morris 5-11-5 ... Mrs L Morris (5) 3
4 1201 CARLOWITZ 7 (CD,F) A Moore 5-11-4 ... K Goble (5) 9
5 4-21 GOLD BLADE 16 (CD) N Graham 4-11-4 ... Mrs L Pearce 12
6 05-6 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 56 (E,G) S Dow 4-11-0 ... T Cuff (5) 6
7 2011 ALBERT 16 (C,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-10-11 ... Miss E Bronson 1
8 4-60 INSWINGER 23 (C) W Wightman 7-9-7 ... G Kille (5) 11
9 -555 NORTHERN CONQUEROR 23 (D,F,G) T Naughton 5-9-7 ... Mrs J Naughton (5) 2
10 00-0 WAYWARD SON 35 J Bridger 4-9-7 ... Miss M Bridger (5) 10
11 00-3 THUNDERING 35 (S) A Jones 8-9-7 ... Miss I Diana W Jones 5
12 000- SINGING DETECTIVE 24J P McEntee 6-9-7 ... Miss Elaine Mills (5) 8

7-2 Albert, 4-1 Carlowitz, 9-2 Lowawatha, 5-1 Gold Blade, 6-1 Master Hyde, 8-1 Ripsnorter, 12-1 Thundering, 16-1 Native Chieftan, 20-1 others.

4.40 ZAGREB MEDICAL CENTRE HANDICAP
(£3,498: 1m 4f) (7)

1 6-13 SWORD MASTER 26 (C,D,BF,G) Bob Jones 4-10-0 ... N Day 6
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7 000- LORD BELMONTE 24J P McEntee 4-7-7 ... N Adams 2

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TRAINERS: J Harris, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; B Hills, 21 from 63, 33.3%; J Berry, 13 from 39, 33.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 12 from 41, 29.3%; W O'Gorman, 31 from 134, 23.1%; T Barron, 9 from 40, 22.5%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 31 winners from 127 rides, 24.4%; Alex Greaves, 11 from 49, 22.4%; B Russell, 6 from 30, 20.0%; Dean McKeown, 27 from 136, 19.9%; J Carroll, 3 from 16, 18.8%; N Day, 16 from 90, 17.8%.

☐ Cab On Target, withdrawn from the East Lancs Chase at Haydock today, will now be aimed at the Richardsons Novices' Chase at Stratford next Saturday.

BBOA in satellite link-up

THE British Betting Office Association (BBOA) is to link up with the Satellite Racing Consortium (SRC) in an attempt to set up a new text and pictures service for the bookmaking industry.

The two sides have agreed to form a joint committee which will oversee the development of a rival to Satellite Information Services, whose prices independent bookmakers believe are too high. The SRC hopes to have the service operating by the end of the year.

☐ The Northern Racing School is to ask the Jockey Club for the three apprentice races it sponsors later this year to be run without whips. The Jockey Club reiterated its opposition to whipless races last month in a review carried out by the disciplinary committee.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: good to soft

2.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, THE LAUGHING LORD (Mr A Thornton, 9-2); 2, Piper O'Drummond (A Merrigan, 14-1); 3, Beyond Reason (N Doughty, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 1-2 fav Phils Pride (4th), 50 Turn'em Back Jack (5th). 5 ran. 6l, 2l, 6l, 3½l. P Cheesbrough at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £3.20. DF: £18.70. CSF: £40.28.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, RULING (P Niven, 11-8); 2, Rodeo Star (G McCourt, 10-11 fav); 3, One For The Pot (A Orkney, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Peruvio (4th). 4 ran. 10l, 20l, 15l. R Johnson Houghton at Blewbury. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.91.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, STAY ON TRACKS (K Johnson, 7-1); 2, General Pershing (N Doughty, 4-7 fav); 3, Sooner Still (Judy Davies, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Killbanon (4th), 9 Johnny's Slipper (5th). 5 ran. 3½l, 25l, 30l, dist. P Cheesbrough at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £5.10; £3.10, £1.10. DF: £2.70. CSF: £11.49.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, JAMES THE FIRST (D Salter, 11-4; Thunderer's nap); 2, Sunset Rock (M Dwyer, 7-4 fav); 3, Russell Dalus (G Upton, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Spanish Fair (f), 8 Rainham (6th), 9 Black Joker (4th), 16 Highland Poacher (5th). 7 ran. 1l, 2½l, 10l, 7l, 8l. P Nicholls at Shepton Mallet. Tote: £3.20; £1.30, £2.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £8.14.

4.00 (3m ch) 1, RADICAL VIEWS (Mr E Bailey, 7-1); 2, Mount Argus (Mr S Brookshaw, 7-2); 3, Swinhoe Croft (Mr C Stockton, 7-1). ALSO: 100-30 jt-favs Duncan (pu), Many A Slip (4th), 12 Polygonum (5th), Jimmy River (6th), 14 Magic Soldier (f), 25 Local Customer (pu), 50 Brazen Gold (pu), Grindley Brook (pu), 100 Nineteen Shillings (pu). 12 ran. NR: Curraheen Boy. 4l, 15l, 20l, 8l, 10l. Mrs A Murray at Oxford. Tote: £8.10; £2.20, £1.80, £2.50. DF: £10.20. CSF: £31.02.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, NIJMEGEN (M Dwyer, 15-8); 2, Champagne Gold (C Grant, 33-1); 3, Kanndabil (G McCourt, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Albertito (4th), 33 Willie Sparkle (f), 100 Just Pulham (5th). 6 ran. 5l, 1½l, 1l, 8l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £4.20. DF: £37.60. CSF: £34.72.

Placepot: £126.50.

Kempton Park

Going: good

2.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, GRAND HAWK (P Scudamore, 5-6 fav); 2, Belly Clover (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 3, The Mine Captain (R Farrant, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Tudor Fable (4th), 9 Gandouge Glen (f), 33 For Peter (pu), 50 Ilderton Road (6th), 100 Kafuba (pu), Jolly Jaunt (5th), Up To Me. 10 ran. NR: Freds Melody. 1l, 25l, 4l, dist, 15l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.85.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, SHEER JEST (Mr A Hill, 15-8 jt-fav); 2, Seven Of Diamonds (Mr M G Miller, 15-8 jt-fav); 3, Quick Reaction (Mr Simon Andrews, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Glensavey (ur), Bartres (5th), 33 Spartan Dancer (4th). 6 ran. NR: Rayon Vert. 3l, 20l, dist, 30l. W Warner at Northampton. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £1.30. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.24.

3.20 (3m ch) 1, ASHFOLD COPSE (M Perrett, 10-11 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Ru Valentino (M A Fitzgerald, 15-8); 3, News Review (Mr E Williams, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Tangled String (4th), 40 Titus Andronicus (6th), 66 Hunting Diary (5th). 6 ran. NR: Camelot Knight. 5l, 2½l, 5l, 30l, 25l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.77.

3.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, UNCLE ELI (Peter Hobbs, 7-1); 2, Coole Dodger (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 3, Among Friends (W McFarland, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Cache Fleur (4th), 100-30 Broughton Manor (5th), 5 Golden Freeze (6th). 6 ran. 10l, 2l, 5l, 8l, 15l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £7.50; £3.10, £2.30. DF: £29.90. CSF: £34.82.

4.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, YELLOW SPRING (Peter Hobbs, 4-1); 2, Martin Dancer (R Dunwoody, 11-4 fav); 3, Sea Buck (R Davis, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Mister Major (4th), 10 Greyfriars Bobby (6th), 12 Stage Player (5th), 14 Vazon Bay. 7 ran. 2½l, 3l, 1½l, 1½l, 15l. D Gandolfo at Wantage. Tote: £5.20; £2.60, £1.70. DF: £12.10. CSF: £14.25. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.50 (2m hdle) 1, FACTOR TEN (M A Fitzgerald, 8-1); 2, Philip's Woody (R Dunwoody, 7-1); 3, Poors Wood (P Hide, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Jalinga, 5 Cyprus (4th), 7 Julios Genius (6th), 20 Miners Rest, 25 Booth's Bouquet, 33 Charlie Atlas, 50 New York Boy (5th), 100 Silent Bravo, Rocket Run. 12 ran. 1l, 8l, 3½l, 6l, 1l. Miss H Knight at Wantage. Tote: £6.60; £2.40, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £19.60. CSF: £45.01.

Placepot: £45.00.

Stratford

Going: good (good to soft in places); good to soft after 3.45

2.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Land Afar (A Webb, 8-13 fav); 2, Giveltago (15-2); 3, Just (8-1). 12 ran. 2l, 10l. J Webber. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.31.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Enchanted Man (A Maguire, 9-1); 2, Folk Dance (9-2); 3, Crossofspancilhill (20-1). Mister Feathers 4-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Starmine. 7l, 4l. R Lee. Tote: £10.00; £2.20, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £23.70. CSF: £41.31.

3.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, It's Varadan (C Llewellyn, 10-1); 2, Will James (16-1); 3, Sailor Blue (8-1). Zealous Kitten 5-4 fav. 12 ran. Sh hd, 4l. T Etherington. Tote: £9.90; £2.30, £3.50, £2.30. DF: £48.50. CSF: £140.87. Tricast: £1,218.78.

3.45 (3m ch) 1, Flashthecash (A Maguire, 9-2 fav); 2, Sally's Gem (5-1); 3, Sandybraes (10-1). 15 ran. NR: Concert Paper. 2l, 30l. G Balding. Tote: £3.60; £2.60, £3.70, £2.80. DF: £29.60. CSF: £27.43. Tricast: £205.99.

4.15 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Copper Mine (J Osborne, 2-1 fav); 2, Air Commander (20-1); 3, Cobo Bay (17-2). 8 ran. 3l, 7l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £2.70, £2.60. DF: £30.60. CSF: £31.94. Tricast: £237.52.

4.45 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Happy Horse (N Hawke, 14-1); 2, Callas Electric (9-2); 3, Allo George (8-1). Wrekin College 4-1 fav (pu). 15 ran. NR: Athos. 10l, ½l. D Barons. Tote: £15.50; £3.90, £2.00, £2.60. DF: £36.60. CSF: £71.58. Tricast: £502.01.

5.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Nocatchim (J Osborne, 11-2); 2, Cultured (8-11 fav); 3, Lime Street (14-1). 11 ran. 2l, 30l. S Sherwood. Tote: £5.50; £1.10, £1.20, £2.60. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.08.

Placepot: £565.20.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (5f) 1, Hershebar (O Pears, 5-4 fav); 2, Express Mariecurie (9-2); 3, Palacegate Girl (10-1). 10 ran. 6l, 2½l. S Bowring. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £3.80. CSF: £8.38.

2.40 (1m) 1, Green's Fair (M Hills, 4-9 fav); 2, Sunleafe Shine (12-1); 3, Neverster (10-1). 9 ran. 7l, 3l. M Bell. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £3.00, £1.40. DF: £9.30. CSF: £8.51.

3.10 (1m) 1, Mentalasanythin (A Mackay, 2-1); 2, No Submission (15-8 fav); 3, Moscow Dynamo (14-1). 5 ran. 4l, 4l. A Bailey. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.35.

3.40 (7f) 1, Marowins (J Quinn, 9-2); 2, Black Boy (7-1); 3, Speed Oil (12-1). Lady Roxanne 3-1 fav. 11 ran. Hd, 1½l. E Alston. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £2.50, £1.70. DF: £28.80. CSF: £38.15.

4.10 (6f) 1, Prime Mover (L Charnock, 5-2); 2, Lord Naskra (2-1 fav); 3, Brisas (14-1). 9 ran. Nk, ½l. D Burchell. Tote: £4.00; £2.00, £1.20, £3.00. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.29. Tricast: £55.04.

4.40 (1m 6f) 1, Horizon (D Biggs, 11-4 fav); 2, Coleridge (7-2); 3, Well And Truly (5-1). 11 ran. 8l, 1½l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £4.70; £2.50, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £4.70. CSF: £13.00. Tricast: £43.56.

Placepot: £9.10.

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Officials tamper with rugby carnival at their peril



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

Spare a thought this morning for all those who follow rugby. Those who, by train and boat and plane, will go, weekend bag in hand, to where the next game is. And to find old cronies to do it all with. And talk about it. Interminably. But more specifically I mean those who follow the five nations' championship. These travellers may soon have their habits of a lifetime altered.

The changes brought about for the players' sake have not troubled them much. But the championship, placed where it is, is suddenly seen as a nuisance. There are whispers of change.

There are those it will not touch. There are those who pursue their addiction by going no further than their front room where they can listen to Bill McLaren's transcendent impartiality that remains a lesson to other sporting commentators, and which is reason enough to stay at home. The other is represented by the glossy-faced gang whose knowledge of rugby is marginal but whose path it is to what they consider to be "an event", where it is *de rigeur* to be seen and will have such additional cachet at Monday morning's business briefing, is paved with exclusive and expensive hospitality. They need not concern us.

But what of the rest, ticket or ticketless, who take several days to trek to the match and want several more to savour the delights each city has to offer. The rugby match, by their reckoning, is but 80 minutes around which a good deal else will happen. These are the mid-winter, mini-holiday breaks for some. For those who visit or who are visited these are the rugby international *weekends*. A day is never enough. Nice but frenzied. There are friends to meet, there is golf to play, dinner to eat and when the Irish are in town, a ceilidh in every pub. The trips to Cardiff, Dublin, Edinburgh, London and Paris are, for the respective supporters, the biennial perennials. Over a two-and-a-half month period each of the five cities is *en fête* in a harmony of rugby.

A week ago, Princes Street, in Edinburgh, was awash with inelegant bobby caps, ill-fitting scarves and misplaced optimism, ablaze in red and white. The fortnight before that, Parisians may have noticed the increase in men wearing what they saw as tartan skirts in Montmartre, but were not morally scandalised. In the Angel Hotel in Cardiff, two hilltop farmers shared their mutual problems but not in the same accent nor had the same allegiance on the afternoon of the day that three England players were so choked they could not attend the official dinner that evening. And last week in the city of Joyce and Beckett, French may have been the common language heard over coffee in Bewleys in Grafton Street or over the even darker stuff later at Kitty O'Shea's.

It is unique. It is more than a competition. It is a moving rugby carnival spread over ten weeks. It really does help shorten the winter. The caravan moves on year by year yet remains, alluringly, the same. It is a rich and curious pilgrimage. But these things may soon be no more. The unions of England and Wales are considering moving the championship to the end of the season to be played over five consecutive Saturdays in March and April. Thus clearing the way for cup and league rugby. The season is congested, they say. Players may just as well take their time off in one chunk, they argue. Reason is probably on their side.

If so, the present festival mood will disappear. Supporters, with time no longer on their side, will move in and out *en masse* on the day. And who is to say that rugby crowds will then be shepherded in the way it is in football. In and out of the ground and home. Tensions could be heightened by the brief encounter. Gone will be the weekend revels. Gone, too, the camaraderie. Will the supporters want international rugby on consecutive weekends?

They tamper with the championship at their peril. There was an international football championship in these islands once. That was soon relegated to the dustbin once they started fiddling with it.

History points to Quins in cup

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

WHEN the dust, or, given the weather forecast, the mud has settled on the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup this evening we should be left with two London clubs and two from the Midlands in Monday's semi-final draw.

Harlequins, whatever their inconsistencies in the league, seldom trip up in the cup: witness the 72 points scored against Blackheath in the third round this season, and the 47 against Wakefield in the fourth round. "It won't be hard to motivate people," Peter Winterbottom, the Harlequins captain, said of their trip to Waterloo. "I'll just say Bath and Orrell to them."

Winterbottom has played in the Yorkshire back row with Peter Buckton and knows his adversary well: "We've watched Waterloo, we think we know how they'll play, and it is a question of making sure we stick to our own plan."

Such is the interest in West Hartlepool's tie with Wasps, the league leaders, that Hartlepool United will kick off their game with Bolton Wanderers at midday. West have learnt some hard lessons in the first division since losing to Wasps 19-6 in September and Dave Stubbs, their coach, says "Wasps showed us how to play".

"This time we will play differently, and try to move the ball wide. We have made the mistake this season of trying to come down the middle against very good back rows. That is where Wasps are so good, the ball never dies."

Exeter, the only third-division side left in the competition, have hired a train to ferry more than 600 supporters to Leicester. Both Leicester flankers, Neil Back and John Wells, are struggling to recover from illness and injury.

With the exception of Ian Hunter, all Northampton's internationals have recovered from a variety of ailments for the tie against Moseley.

In the sixth round of the Swalec Cup, St Peter's, the third-division club which knocked out Cardiff in the last round, will be without Paul Ring at No. 8 when they face Bonymaen for a place in the quarter-finals. Ring's better-known brother, Mark, partners Chris Bridges in Pontypool's tie against Pontypridd.

Potentially the most attractive fixture of the day is that between Cardiff and Bath. Both clubs, having been ejected prematurely from their cup competitions, meet with full-strength teams in a match refereed by Sandy MacNeill, the Australian official who will handle the Wales v Ireland international next week.

Buckton revels in art of promotion and persuasion

David Hands talks to Peter Buckton about his new role in spreading the rugby union gospel



Whole new ball game: Buckton instructs the enthusiastic children of Halewood Primary School, Merseyside, in the skill of passing. Photograph: Barry Greenwood

Peter Buckton, one of the best ball-handling flank forwards never to win an England cap, now replicates his playing qualities in his job. His watchword at Liverpool St Helens, Orrell and Waterloo has been continuity and, as a Rugby Football Union (RFU) youth development officer for west Lancashire and north Merseyside, exactly the same is required if he is to convert the sports-mad youngsters of Merseyside to rugby union.

Buckton, 32, steps out for Waterloo today when they attempt to complete a notable hat-trick of first division scalps — to add to Bath and Orrell — by lowering the multi-colours of Harlequins in the Pilkington Cup.

Even on the pitch, he does not relinquish his youth role. Around Blundellsands will be groups of schoolchildren, who have been persuaded to sample the game after a visit from Buckton.

They have heard of Will Carling and Brian Moore and the local favourite, Dewi Morris, such was the impact of the 1991 World Cup and England's success in the five nations' championship. Buckton can hold out the presence of heroes as a lure in an area where football, for once, has fallen somewhat flat.

On Wednesday, Buckton paid a first visit to Halewood Church of England Primary School; next month, he is organising a schools' tournament at Sefton, near Everton's Goodison Park ground.

Yesterday, he was helping local university students through their RFU preliminary coaching awards. "I could do with a spot of help," he said. Last weekend, he helped Yorkshire to the final of the ADT county championship by beating Cornwall at Redruth. Now comes the cup.

Buckton revels in it, a Yorkshireman bringing rugby union to Lancashire, promoting a game he has graced for more than a decade.

His patch embraces more than 500 primary and secondary schools. "All the children support either Liverpool or Everton, and rugby will never take over from them, but we do offer an option at a time when both the football teams are doing badly," he said.

"The schools around here are prepared to give something a go, no matter what the sport. Teachers welcome the change and the RFU package on offer is a good one. The first three years of work here has been concentrated on the primary schools.

"When you go into any school or club for the first time, you are on trial, especially when you produce the "New Image game" for boys and girls. But we've got over 100 very good primaries taking part in competitions and I'm moving into the secondary schools."

Buckton distributes more than 500 rugby balls a season, though some have not always ended up in the hands they were designed for. His car has been broken into twice and balls stolen.

"That's par for the course," he said. "The important thing is to maintain continuity, to make sure you follow up visits by getting schools involved in tournaments. If the children can recognise my face from the publicity Waterloo have had, that helps."

It is 11 years since Buckton made his debut for Yorkshire and attracted the attention of divisional, then national and Barbarian, selectors. He played for England Under-23 and England B and the nearest he came to a cap was when he played in a strong B XV against Italy in Rome in 1986.

He was deemed not quite robust enough to make the final step and also faced solid opposition in Peter Winterbottom — his opposite number today — David Cooke and Gary Rees. Now, though, Waterloo benefit from his perceptive play and keen brain in a side composed mainly of youngsters.

They stand on the verge of promotion to the first division and are thoroughly enjoying the fame their cup progress has earned. Win or lose today, Buckton may have emphasised in the most practical way the joys of rugby to a new generation ripe for conversion.

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BASKETBALL

Cunningham instils winning attitude

By Nicholas Harling

FOR A tranquil town that is better known for its senior citizens who play bowls, bridge and walk the pebbly beaches, Worthing's sedate image has been stirred in recent times by part of the local younger generation, its basketball team.

Until this season, Worthing was just content to have a team in the first division of the national league. It went with the town's image. Winning was fun when it happened and nobody really worried if they did not. Then along came the man who has guided the Worthing Bears to a club record of 19 consecutive league wins, which have taken them to the top of the Carlsberg League.

Tomorrow, they play their first national cup final when the Bears meet the Guildford Kings in the Dome at Doncaster.

Defeat is unthinkable to Alan Cunningham, 38, the player/coach who has transformed a promising squad into a consistent one, watched by capacity crowds whenever it plays at home.

Cunningham learnt his greatest lesson from his immediate opponent in the cup final, the man under whom he played for four years at Glasgow and Kingston, winning 16 medals, Kevin Cadle, the coach to Guildford Kings. Cadle taught Cunningham and everybody around him never to contemplate losing.

Consequently, it is Cunningham's custom to approach training and games with the command: "I don't want to be around anyone negative today." Like his mentor, he abhors the all too English habit of applauding good losers.

"You English seem happy to lose by one point," he said, "but a loss is a loss. You might as well lose by 60 points. Winners ask 'Goddam, why did we lose?' That's a winner."



Cunningham: refuses to consider losing

SKIING

Seizinger regains downhill impetus

Veysonnaz, Switzerland: Katja Seizinger, of Germany, who missed a downhill medal at the Alpine world championships, swept back to victory in her preferred discipline as the World Cup tour resumed yesterday.

Seizinger, 20, clocked 1min 34.41sec to head off Kerrin Lee-Gartner, of Canada, the Olympic downhill champion, by 0.09sec, in her third World Cup race win this season.

Seizinger, who won the super-giant slalom at the world championships in Japan but finished fourth in the downhill, kept a pre-race promise to prove "that the downhill remains my strongest disicpline".

Miriam Vogt, of Germany, finished third, 0.11sec behind Seizinger. Kate Pace, of Canada, the downhill world champion, finished tied for thirteenth, 0.87sec down.

In contrast to the world championships, where many complained about bad weather and relatively flat courses, brilliant sunshine and recent snowfall made for excellent race conditions on the 2,500-metre run. Demanding bumps and curves offered few parts to glide. *(AP)*

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A: Maccabi Tel Aviv 70, Limoges 69, PAOK Salonika 91, Cibona Zagreb (Cro) 67; Joventut Badalona (Sp) 81, Virtus Bologna 73. Final positions: 1, PAOK Salonika; 2, Limoges; 3, Scavolini Pesaro (It); 4, Virtus Bologna; 5, Joventut Badalona; 6, Cibona Zagreb; 7, Maccabi Tel Aviv. Group B: TSV Bayer Leverkusen 92, Estudiantes Madrid 80; Orthez (Fr) 82, Benetton Treviso (It) 55; Real Madrid 105, KK Zadar (Cro) 76. Final positions: 1, Real Madrid; 2, Benetton Treviso; 3, Orthez; 4, Olympiakos (Gr); 5, Bayer Leverkusen; 6, KK Zadar; 7, Estudiantes Madrid; 8, Mechelen (Bel). Top four from each group progress to next stage.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte Hornets 111, San Antonio Spurs 104; Chicago Bulls 108, Orlando Magic 106; Houston Rockets 131, Phoenix Suns 104.

BOXING

BRADFORD: British middleweight championship (12 rnds): Frank Grant (Bradford, holder) bt John Ashton (Alfreton), ret 7th rnd. Super-feather (8 rnds): Peter Judson (Keighley) drew with Dominic McGuigan (Newcastle). Welter (8 rnds): Ron Hopley (Ripon) drew with Rob Stevenson (Hull). Light-middle (8 rnds): Nick Manners (Leeds) bt Jason Fores (Middlesbrough), ko 2nd rnd. Cruiser (8 rnds): Derrol Browne (Leeds) bt Cordwell Hylton (Walsall), pts.

CYCLING

TOUR OF VALENCIA: Third stage (Javea to Alcudia, 176km): 1, G Bontempi (It), 4hr 27mn 19sec; 2, S Della Santa (It), at 6sec; 4, S Kelly (Ire), at 10. Fourth stage (Alcudia to Sagunto, 182km) (Spain unless stated): 1, R Saumpf (Ger), 4hr 30mn 17sec; 2, A Bolli (It); 3, A Gutierrez; 4, L Jalabert (Fr), 5, J Rodriguez; 6, J Gonzalez; 7, G Talmant (Fr); 8, S Kelly (Ire); 9, P van Petegom (Bel); 10, F Garcia, all same time. Overall: 1, G Bontempi (It), 16hr 50min 22sec; 2, E Breukink (Holl), 2sec behind; 3, S Della Santa (It), 6sec; 4, A Edo; 5, M Indurain, both same time; 6, Jalabert, 20; 7, S Heulot (Fr), 8, S Rooks (Holl); 9, I Gerson, 10, J Maalcon, all same time.
TOUR OF SICILY: Final stage (187km): 1, M Bartoli (It), 4hr 33min 47sec; 2, M Lelli (It); 3, F Baldato (It). Overall winner: Bartoli, 18.59.39

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 172, New South Wales 79-1 (S Small 50 not out). Melbourne: Victoria 225 (D Lehmann 69; S Young 5-56); Tasmania 10-0.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Thursday
DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round replay: Enfield 2, Hendon 0.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 1, Leicester City 2; Stoke City 2, Wolverhampton 3. Second division: Derby County 10, Everton 3.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth 0, Wimbledon 2.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: British Gas Trophy: Quarter-final: North Herts 1, St Albans 1 (aet) Adidas Under-15 Trophy: Avon 5, Devon 2; Cheshire 1, Merseyside 4; Suffolk 0, Cambridgeshire 2. Mars Under-19 Trophy: Third round: Lancing 1, Hewett HS, Norwich 2. Diamik Trophy: Second round: Bromsgrove 4, Woodlands, Coventry 2, Cornach High, Liverpool 0, North Chatterton, Greater Manchester 2.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Monaco 1, Marseilles 0. Leading positions: 1, Monaco, played 27, 37pts; 2, Marseilles, 27, 37; 3, Paris Saint-German, 26, 35.

GOLF

PACIFIC PALISADES, California; Los Angeles Open: First round (US unless stated): 67: J D Blake, J McGovern, R Beersdorf. 68: J Sluman, K Gibson, S Simpson, R Black, H Sutton, L Janzen. 69: J Woodland (Aust), D Hammond, J Mohaffey. 70: S Gump, S Pate, J Hass, T Armour, J Daly, H Twitty, M Wiebe, P Mickelson, C Beck, J Fairfield.
PRETORIA: South African Masters tournament: Second round (S Africa unless stated): 131: S Daniels. 62, 69. 133: A Johnston (Zim), 67, 66. 135: R Goosen, 68, 69. 136: H Royer (US), 68, 68. 139: R Wessels, 70, 69. 139: K Johnson (US), 68, 71; S Dunlap (US), 69, 70, S Burnell, 71, 68. 140: R Crowder (US), 70, 70, H Buhrmann, 67, 73; D James, 71, 69; B Lincoln, 69, 71, S Medlin (US), 71, 69.

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCH: Sir Roger Manwood's 5, St Edmund's, Canterbury 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 3, Minnesota North Stars 3 (OT). Ottawa Senators 2, Pittsburgh Penguins 1; Philadelphia Flyers 6, New Jersey Devils 2; Quebec Nordiques 6, New York Islanders 4; Chicago Blackhawks 5, Tampa Bay Lightning 1; St Louis Blues 3, Los Angeles Kings 0, Toronto Maple Leafs 5, San Jose 0

NORDIC SKIING

FALUN, Sweden: World championships: Women's 4 x 5km relay: 1, Russia, 54min 15.7sec; 2, Italy, at 19.4sec; 3, Norway, at 53.3. Men's 4 x 10km relay: 1, Norway, 1hr 44min 14.6sec; 2, Italy, at 9.6sec; 3, Russia, 12.3; 20, Britain, 18min 44.2sec.

SKIING

VEYSONNAZ, Switzerland: Women's World Cup downhill: 1, K Seizinger (Ger), 1:34.41; 2, K Gartner (Can), 1:34.50; 3, M Vogt (Ger), 1:34.52; 4, R Clevegnoud (Fr), 1:34.64; 5, A Haas (Austria), 1:34.67; 6, C Merle-Pellet (Fr), 1:34.72; 7, A Loeddemd (Nor), 1:34.75; 8, V Stallmeier-Wallinger (Austria), 1:34.79; 9, A Wachter (Austria), 1:34.80; 10, H Zeller (Switz), 1:34.86. British placing: 44, D Pratt, 1:38.55. World Cup: Overall (after 18 events). 1, Wachter, 858pts; 2, Seizinger, 683; 3, Merle-Pelles, 649; 4, Vogt, 459; 5, U Maier (Austria), 420; 6, Gartner, 400; 7, V Schneider (Switz), 370; 8, C Bournisson (Switz), 362. 9, A Coberger (NZ), 329; 10, P Wiberg (Swe), 319. Downhill (after six events): 1, Seizinger, 440; 2, Gartner, 259; 3, Bournissen, 256; 4, Vogt, 231; 5, Merle-Pelet, 215; 6, R Hausl (Ger), 206. Nations' Cup (men and women). 1, Austria, 7,281pts; 2, Switzerland, 4,454; 3, Germany, 3,391; 4, Italy, 3,213; 5, Norway, 2,892.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Wickes British Open: Fourth round: T Shaw bt J Swail (N Ire), 5-4; S Lee bt D O'Kane (NZ), 5-1; A Drago (Malta) bt M Clark, 5-2; I Graham bt S Francisco (SA), 5-1, J Wattana (Thai) bt S Newbury (Wales), 5-2; P Ebdon bt C Edwards, 5-0, M Bennett (Wales) bt N Bond, 5-2; D Roe bt A McManus (Scot), 5-3; S Davis bt D Finbow, 5-2; J Parrott bt M Hallett, 5-4

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Radley (J Mignonac and J Black) bt Malvern (P Hardinges and I Mogford), 15-3, 3-15, 17-15, 15-7, 12-15, 7-15, 11-15.

RUGBY FIVES

CLUB MATCHES: RFA bt Felsted, 136-72; RFA bt Rossall, 325-169

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: Second division: Leigh 66, Keighley 6.
ACADEMY: Second division: Featherstone 34, Hull KR 24

RUGBY UNION

CORRECTED RESULT: Courage Clubs Championship: Fourth division north (February 13): Stourbridge 13, Stoke 6 — not as previously published.

TENNIS

ROTTERDAM: Men's world indoor tournament: Quarter-finals: A Volkov (Russ) bt G Prpic (Cro), 6-2, 6-2; D Nargiso (It) bt O Camporese (It), 7-6, 7-6.
INDIAN WELLS, California: Event Cup women's tournament: Third round: M Fernandez (US) bt K Po (US), 6-3, 6-3; N Provis (Aus) bt B Fitzner (Ger), 2-6, 6-2, 7-6; S Rottier (Holl) bt T Ayton (US), 6-1, 6-0; H Sukova (Cz) bt C Wood (GB), 7-5, 6-4; L Davenport (US) bt B Schultz (Holl), 6-2, 7-5; M Maleeva (Bul) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-4, 2-6, 7-6; A Coetzer (SA) bt G Helgeson (US), 6-1, 6-2; M Oremans (Holl) bt P Hy (Can), 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.
SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tournament: Second round: A Agassi (US) bt K Evans (US), 6-1, 6-3; M Washington (US) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, E Sánchez (Sp) bt G Markus (Arg), 7-6, 7-6; M Woodforde (Aus) bt L Mattar (Br), 6-3, 6-3
MEXICO CITY: Men's tournament: Second round: T Muster (Austria) bt C Miniussi (Arg), 6-3, 7-6; A Berasategui (Sp) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-3, 6-1; H Skoff (Austria) bt B Black (Zim), 6-0, 6-2
LINZ, Austria: Women's tournament: Second round: N Baudone (It) bt S Sebas (Fr), 7-6, 7-6. L Meskhi (Geo) bt P Langrova (Cz), 7-5, 3-6, 7-5; J Wiesner (Austria) bt L Golarsa (It), 6-3, 6-3; W Probst (Ger) bt R Dragomir (Rom), 6-3, 6-3; P Paradis-Mangon (Fr) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-1, 5-7, 8-0.
TELFORD: LTA men's indoor satellite tournament: Quarter-finals: F Cousin (Fr) bt C Wilkinson (GB), 6-4, 7-6; M Barnard (SA) bt A Foster (GB), 6-4, 7-5; P Pambianco (It) bt S Holte (Fr), 6-4, 7-5; M Petchey (GB) bt H Pritter (Austria), 6-1, 6-4.

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 15:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, Group 4 Securitas Union (R Merriweather), 3,246; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chiffendien), 3,353; 4, Holsbrau Lager (P Goss), 3,371; 5, Brush Steel II (R Tupp), 3,372; 6, Phone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 3,375; 7, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 3,383, equal 8, Interspray (P Jeffes), Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 3,389; 10, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 3,447.
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Board to kick-start experiment with rules



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Football's international board meets in Hertfordshire today to consider a proposal to replace the throw-in with a kick-in. It is one of several amendments under review by the board, the governing body of the laws of the game and which comprises equal representation from the four British associations and from Fifa, following the admirable change preventing the back-pass to goalkeepers.

Fifa is anxious that football should keep abreast of temporary thought and public demand and, before sceptics throw up their arms aghast, it should be noted that the recommendation for the kick-in comes with the approval of Michel Platini and Rudi Völler, two members of Fifa's "Task Force 2000", which has been delegated to study ways of improving the game as a spectacle, and also with the carefully considered recommendation of Pelé.

Many coaches are said to believe it will be an advantageous change: there are many others, of course, who would immediately argue that if coaches want it, then it is probably a bad thing.

The proposal was first mooted in the Seventies at the time when the late Artemio Franchi, of Italy, was president of Uefa, and the arguments are strong either way.

It is reasonable that an attacking team forcing the defending side to hack the ball to safety should be rewarded with a kick-in, which can be placed directly into the penalty or goal area.

It is also unsatisfactory that if the attacking team inadvertently concedes a throw-in, they should suffer a kick-in by the defending side that transfers the game and the initiative to the other end of the field in a single pass.

"The latter, the sudden reversal of initiative, is possible," Sepp Blatter, general secretary of Fifa, said. "Fifa is not specifically campaigning for this change yet coaches have said it will increase goalscoring opportunities. The kick-in would, as with the throw-in, be unimpeded by the off-side laws."

The present suggestion is for experiments to be conducted in the youth championships of Fifa and Uefa. "It is important that Fifa, and the international board, keep in step with the mood of countries not necessarily from Europe," Blatter said.

"Professional football is a product and we must be open-minded to the possibility of adapting the product to meet present circumstances." Such a view will, inevitably, offend traditionalists and most amateurs.

Fifa's attitude has caused it to reverse its thinking on the request from the new Japanese professional league to have a sudden-death finish in all matches. Fifa initially refused but has now reversed its decision, requesting the Japanese to make their first season an official experiment on Fifa's behalf.

The advantage of this adaptation is that it can be optional, worldwide, because it does not require a change in the laws.

It seems almost certain that the World Cup finals in the United States next year will have three points for a win in the first round instead of two, thereby placing the emphasis on positive play.

The three-point system would have given Hungary a place in the second round in 1986 at the expense of Bulgaria, who qualified with two points from two draws against Hungary's two points from one win but with inferior goal difference.

Regarding the introduction of women's soccer at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, which would attract a wide audience across the United States, Blatter said that the organising committee had received Fifa's proposed schedule for 16 men's teams and eight women's teams. It is studying whether it has the stadiums to accommodate the required number of matches.

In the men's tournament, it has already been approved in principle that each country will be permitted three players over the age of 23 to increase the interest that was absent in Barcelona, though it has still to be approved by Fifa's congress.

Discussion continues towards the introduction of a Fifa panel of professional referees at a meeting of the referees' committee on April 15. There will also be talks on the possibility of a two-referee system.

FOOTBALL

Operation will keep Atkinson out for month

By Adrian Holloway

DALIAN Atkinson, the Aston Villa striker, who has scored 13 goals this season for the league leaders, will not play again for a month after undergoing surgery on his stomach muscle injury yesterday.

After three unsuccessful comebacks, the forward who cost £1.6 million when signed from Real Sociedad 18 months ago, bowed to the inevitable and had an operation in an attempt to solve the the injury problem that has troubled him since early December. Now Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, is hoping his namesake will return for the title run-in.

"We were hoping to delay any surgery until the end of the season," he said, "but Dalian broke down again this week and it's best to have the surgery now and get him back for the last six matches."

Dalian Atkinson, who has not completed a match since scoring twice against Sheffield Wednesday on December 5, said: "The injury has been so frustrating because I felt I was just starting to get my form up to a standard I was happy with before it happened."

Villa expect him to return at Nottingham Forest on April 3. In the meantime, Cyrille Regis could return alongside Dean Saunders in the attack against Wimbledon today, with Dwight Yorke dropping back into midfield. Steve Froggatt is likely to replace Stephan Beinlich. Wimbledon are one of the Premier League's form teams, with just two defeats in 13 games.

Manchester United, who are two points behind Villa with a game in hand, field the team which defeated Southampton last Saturday against struggling Middlesbrough at Old Trafford. Alan Kernaghan, the Middlesbrough captain, returns to his side's fragile defence after missing three vital months with a stress fracture.

Norwich, who remain third, play Blackburn tomorrow, and may recall Chris Sutton to their attack.

Sheffield Wednesday will set a post-war club record of nine consecutive league and cup wins if they beat Liverpool at Hillsborough today. Undefeated since mid-December, Wednesday have challenged the supremacy of Villa, United and Norwich, the three teams above them in the Premier League, while remaining in both domestic cup competitions.

Trevor Francis makes his first change in five games for the visit of Liverpool because Danny Wilson, the Northern Ireland midfield player, is unavailable after injuring a rib. Mark Bright looks likely to partner the prolific Paul Warhurst in attack, replacing Chris Bart-Williams, who, with John Sheridan, is a doubtful starter.

Warhurst, the central defender who was moved upfield after injuries to Bright and David Hirst, is fast becoming the striking discovery of the season after scoring in seven successive games. The former England Under-21 international will equal the club record set by Derek Dooley in the 1950s if he extends his run today and against Coventry next week.

Liverpool may recall Stig Bjornbye, the Norway international, much earlier than expected after his swift recovery from a broken nose.

Nick Barmby, the subject of Tottenham's argument this week with the FA, will play his final game against QPR at White Hart Lane before leaving with the England youth team for Australia.



Warhurst: prolific

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Bowe takes chance of close look at Hide

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

HERBIE Hide, the Norwich heavyweight, could be the first British opponent for Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion. Bowe, who has been on a goodwill mission in South Africa and Somalia, came to London yesterday to have a look at Hide. Hide is boxing against Michael Murray, of Preston, for the British title at Dagenham tonight.

If the world championship bout went through, Hide would receive around $2.5 million (about £1.74 million) and the event could be held at Norwich City Football Club in late August or September.

Bowe said: "I have not seen Hide, but I have heard he's pretty good. I'm going to watch him closely tonight." Hide, a good four inches shorter and a couple of stones lighter than the champion, said: "He does not look that big to me. He can't beat what he can't hit."

Rock Newman, Bowe's manager, talking at the same London hotel, St James's Court Hotel, where Bowe dumped his World Boxing Council belt in a dustbin last December, said: "Hide could be the next opponent after Bowe's return with Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas in June. I've had some serious discussions with Barry Hearn [Hide's promoter], and Hide could be Riddick Bowe's next HBO opponent."

Hearn said: "The request came from him [Newman]. I'd like to get it on. It's worth talking about. It's even money it will happen."

DENZIL MCNEELANCE



Reflecting on his next task: Bowe mulls over possible challenge from Hide

ATHLETICS

Smith jumps at chance of world title

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

STEVE Smith, the world junior high jump champion, yesterday administered a much-needed dose of star quality to Britain's world indoor championships team when he said that he wished to be included in the British squad when it is announced tomorrow. He wants to go because he thinks he will win. Will win, not can win.

"If I am fit I will get the gold medal, I have no doubt about that," Smith, 19, said. He is confident that recent shin and hamstring soreness will be forgotten by the time of the championships in Toronto in a fortnight: "I am having no problems with my shins now, although my hamstring is still a little bit stiff."

Smith cleared the best outdoor height in the world last year (2.37 metres) and, with a British and Commonwealth record of 2.36, shares the lead in this year's indoor rankings.

Today in Birmingham, at the TSB AAA indoor championships, British athletes make their final push for selection and Dalton Grant will attempt to secure the second high jump place. Grant, fourth at the 1991 outdoor world championships with 2.36 metres, had a wretched 1992 but is returning to form — he has cleared 2.29 metres this season. Smith's decision means that Colin Jackson, in the 60 metres hurdles, will not be alone in carrying strong hopes of a gold medal.

Though it will have its usual appeal to the clubs, the senior men's English national cross-country championship at Parliament Hill today will be weak at the sharp end. Only one former winner, Richard Nerurkar, is in the running for victory.

Two others who, like Nerurkar, have won it twice — Dave Lewis and Eamonn Martin — concentrate on preparations for the world championships, as does Dave Clarke, the champion three times. Three more key British team members — Paul Dugdale, Jon Brown and Steve Tunstall — will also be missing.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Brasher wants talks on marathon route

CHRIS Brasher has written to Robert Key, the minister for sport, suggesting a meeting to discuss the government's demand for £15,000 to use the royal parks for the Nutrasweet London Marathon on April 18 (John Goodbody writes). Although the race will definitely go ahead, there is a threat to the planned route, including the start in Greenwich Park and the climax along The Mall and Birdcage Walk, unless the London Marathon pays money for "remedial work to repair grass areas, compensation for additional safety responsibilities and for a contribution to the annual running costs" of the royal parks.

The issue has led to a tabling of an all-party early day motion in the House of Commons, sponsored by Tony Banks, the Labour MP for Newham North West, who described the government's demands as "penny-pinching of the worst sort".

Faldo backs coaching

GOLF: Nick Faldo lent his support yesterday as the Professional Golfers' Association launched its £250,000 game improvement campaign at The Belfry. "No one's so good they can't get better," Faldo, the ultimate improver, said. The world No. 1 has about 150 lessons a year with David Leadbetter or one of his assistants.

The PGA aims to attract more people to golf and keep them playing, with plenty of help from their club professional. "If youngsters aren't encouraged with proper coaching, British and Irish players could be very much in the minority in future Ryder Cups," Sandy Jones, the PGA's executive director said.

Coach makes quick exit

RUGBY UNION: Gerrie Sonnekus, South Africa's coach, resigned yesterday only one month after being appointed to rejuvenate the national side. The South African Rugby Football Union said Sonnekus, a 40-year-old former Orange Free State coach, told them he was resigning because of personal circumstances. He replaced John Williams, who trained the sides that lost four out of five internationals in the past six months. Sonnekus's successor is expected to be chosen at a meeting on March 10 and will have to prepare the squad to meet France in June.

Overseas rules change

FOOTBALL: Stricter guidelines are to be introduced on the signing of players from countries outside the European Community in an attempt to slow down the increased number of foreign players entering the English professional game. When players from such nations do meet the criteria laid down by the Professional Footballers' Association, the Football Association, the Premier League and the Football League, their eligibility will nevertheless be reviewed every 12 months. There are no restrictions upon players from within the EC.

Gordon for London

RUGBY LEAGUE: London Crusaders yesterday appointed the former New Zealand international coach, Tony Gordon, as their new coach. Gordon, who succeeds the Australian, Ross Strudwick, is expected to arrive in Britain on Monday to take up his new post. An ex-international full back, Gordon took charge of New Zealand in 1987 from Graham Lowe, the former Wigan coach, and made an immediate impact by leading them to a surprise defeat of Australia. He also masterminded two defeats of Great Britain, before standing down in early 1990.

Golding extends lead

YACHTING: Strong head winds gusting more than 70 knots rocked the British Steel Challenge fleet yesterday on the Cape Town stage of the round-the-world race. However, the prolonged storm has helped Mike Golding and his Group 4 Securitas crew extend their lead to 52 miles over the chasing group and lifted British Steel II three places to fifth overnight. Alain Gautier, the leading competitor in the Globe Challenge solo round-the-world race, has crossed the equator and has until March 11 to cover the final 3,127 miles and break the 109-day record.

Austin's run ends

TENNIS: Tracy Austin was overwhelmed by Stephanie Rottier, of Holland, 6-1, 6-0 in the third round of the Evert Cup tournament in Indian Wells, California yesterday. Austin, 30, the 1979 and 1981 US Open champion and former world No. 1, admitted she was outplayed after the euphoria of her second-round win over the No. 2 seed, Katerina Maleeva, of Bulgaria. "I'm still extremely ecstatic about this week," Austin said. "To beat someone like Katerina went beyond my goals of the tournament." Before this week, Austin had played just two matches since 1984.

Boardman returns

CYCLING: Chris Boardman and the national champions, Gethin Butler and Stuart Dangerfield, who all had their progress halted by punctures in the North Road CC hardriders' trial last year, return for tomorrow's race, which is based in Essendon, Hertfordshire, together with Richard Prebble, last year's winner on a demanding, 27-mile circuit. Boardman was confident yesterday about his form and said: "This is the one that everyone wants to win, but after last year, it shows that form counts for little if you catch a sharp stone."

UNIVERSITY ROWING

Cambridge Lent races

Men

Results

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC bpd Pembroke; Christ's bpd Selwyn; Robinson bpd Fitzwilliam

SECOND DIVISION: LMBC II bpd Jesus II, Girton bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity II; Sidney Sussex bpd Caius II; Trinity Hall II bpd Pembroke II, LMBC III bpd Selwyn II. Rerow: Corpus Christi pbd Peterhouse.

THIRD DIVISION: Queens' II bpd Jesus III; Fitzwilliam II bpd Emmanuel II, Girton II bpd Peterhouse II, Veterinary School bpd Clare III; LMBC IV bpd Darwin; Trinity Hall III bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity III.

FOURTH DIVISION: St Catharine's II bpd Magdalene III, CCAT bpd LMBC V; Selwyn III bpd Addenbrooke's; Robinson II bpd Wolfson; King's II bpd Queens' III; Sidney Sussex II overbpd Hughes Hall; Christ's III bpd Caius III.

FIFTH DIVISION: Corpus Christi III bpd Homerton, Jesus IV bpd St Edmund's Hall; St Catharine's III bpd Theological Colleges, Trinity Hall IV bpd Emmanuel III, Sidney Sussex III bpd Magdalene IV, Downing IV bpd Clare IV; LMBC VI bpd CCAT II

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Trinity Hall, Downing, Jesus, Caius, LMBC, Pembroke, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Queens', Emmanuel, Churchill, Christ's, Selwyn, Magdalene, Clare, St Catharine's, Robinson.

SECOND DIVISION: Fitzwilliam, LMBC II, Jesus II, Downing II, Girton, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Corpus Christi, Peterhouse, Sidney Sussex, Caius II, Trinity Hall II, Pembroke II, King's, Clare II, Magdalene II, LMBC III

THIRD DIVISION: Selwyn II, Queens' II, Jesus III, Fitzwilliam II, Emmanuel II, Churchill II, Girton II, Peterhouse II, Veterinary School, Clare III, Churchill III, Corpus Christi II, Christ's II, LMBC IV, Darwin, Trinity Hall III.

FOURTH DIVISION: 1st and 3rd Trinity, St Catharine's II, Magdalene III, CCAT, LMBC V, Selwyn III, Addenbrooke's, Robinson II, Wolfson, King's II, Queens' III, Downing III, Sidney Sussex II, Christ III, Caius III, Hughes Hall.

FIFTH DIVISION: Pembroke III, Corpus Christi III, Homerton, Queens' IV, Jesus IV, St Edmund's Hall, St Catharine's III, Theological Colleges, Girton III, Trinity Hall IV, Emmanuel III, Sidney Sussex III, Magdalene IV, Downing IV, Clare IV, LMBC VI, CCAT II, St Catharine's IV.

Women

Results

FIRST DIVISION: Jesus bpd Emmanuel; St Catharine's bpd Caius, Sidney Sussex bpd Churchill, Girton bpd Downing; 1st and 3rd Trinity bpd Robinson.

SECOND DIVISION: Magdalene bpd Homerton; Newnham II bpd Fitzwilliam; Selwyn II bpd QMABC, Wolfson bpd Emmanuel II; Girton II bpd New Hall II

THIRD DIVISION: Darwin bpd Addenbrooke's, LMBC III bpd Churchill II, St Catharine's II bpd Hughes Hall; Homerton II bpd Caius II; Christ's II bpd Queens' II, Trinity Hall II bpd Corpus Christi II; Jesus IV bpd Caius III

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC, Jesus, Emmanuel, Newnham, Selwyn, Queens', Trinity Hall, Clare, New Hall, St Catharine's, Caius, Sidney Sussex, Churchill, Girton, Downing, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Robinson.

SECOND DIVISION: Christ's, Pembroke, Magdalene, Homerton, Corpus Christi, LMBC II, Jesus II, Newnham II, Fitzwilliam, CCAT, Selwyn II, QMABC, Clare II, Wolfson, Emmanuel II, Sidney Sussex II, Girton II

THIRD DIVISION: New Hall II, Darwin, Addenbrooke's, LMBC III, Churchill II, St Catharine's II, Hughes Hall, Homerton II, Caius II, Christ's II, Queens' II, Trinity Hall II, Corpus Christi II, Pembroke II, Jesus III, Jesus IV, Caius III, Emmanuel III.

Oxford Torpids

Men

Results

FIRST DIVISION: Magdalene bpd Christ Church, Worcester bpd New College. St Edmund Hall bpd Balliol.

SECOND DIVISION: Wolfson bpd Keble. St John's bpd Keble; Queen's bpd Keble, Exeter bpd Keble (subject to appeal); Christ Church II bpd St Peter's.

THIRD DIVISION: St Hugh's bpd University II; Merton bpd St Anne's, New College II bpd St Anne's; Oriel II bpd St Anne's; Balliol II bpd St Anne's; Pembroke II bpd Brasenose II; Linacre b Brasenose II; Brasenose II bpd St Anne's.

FOURTH DIVISION: Linacre bpd Corpus Christi; St Edmund Hall II bpd St Catherine's II; Exeter II bpd St Catherine's II; Keble II bpd St Catherine's II; St John's II bpd Lincoln II; Magdalen bpd Lady Margaret Hall II

FIFTH DIVISION: Regent's Park bpd Hertford II; St Peter's II bpd Oriel IV, Jesus II bpd Oriel IV; St John's III bpd Worcester III; Keble III bpd Worcester III; St Anne's II bpd St Benet's Hall.

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Oriel, Brasenose, Pembroke, University, Magdalene, Christ Church, Worcester, New College, Oriel II, St Edmund Hall, Balliol, Lady Margaret Hall.

SECOND DIVISION: Hertford, St Catherine's, Lincoln, Wadham, Wolfson, St John's, Queen's, Exeter, Keble, Jesus, Christ Church II, St Peter's

THIRD DIVISION: Trinity, Osler House, St Hugh's, University II, Merton, New College II, Oriel III, Balliol II, Worcester II, Pembroke II, Linacre, Brasenose.

FOURTH DIVISION: Mansfield, St Anne's, Corpus Christi, St Edmund Hall II, Exeter II, Keble II, St Catherine's II, Queen's II, St John's II, Linacre II, Magdalen II, Lady Margaret Hall II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Wadham II, Regent's Park, Hertford II, St Peter's II, Jesus II, Oriel IV, St John's III, Keble III, Worcester III, Oriel V, St Anne's II, St Benet's Hall, Queen's III.

Women

Results

FIRST DIVISION: St Catherine's bpd Wadham; Christ Church bpd Wolfson; St Hilda's bpd Lady Margaret Hall; Oriel bpd Worcester.

SECOND DIVISION: Oriel bpd Brasenose; Trinity bpd Brasenose; St John's bpd Keble; Jesus bpd Hertford; Lincoln bpd Balliol; St Edmund Hall bpd Balliol.

THIRD DIVISION: Merton bpd Exeter; Queen's bpd Exeter; Magdalen bpd St Hugh's; Linacre bpd St Hugh's; St Peter's bpd St Hugh's, New College II bpd Oriel II; Pembroke II bpd Oriel II.

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Worcester, Trinity, Brasenose, St Anne's, St John's, Keble, Jesus, Hertford, Lincoln, St Edmund Hall, Balliol, Somerville II.

SECOND DIVISION: Somerville, New College, Osler House, University, St Catherine's, Wadham, Pembroke, Christ Church, Wolfson, St Hilda's, Lady Margaret Hall, Oriel.

THIRD DIVISION: Merton, Queen's, Exeter, Magdalen, Linacre, St Peter's, St Hugh's, Osler House II, Wadham II, New College II, Pembroke II, Oriel II.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Ambitious Sittingbourne prove big attraction

THE second versus top north Kent derby between Sittingbourne and Gravesend and Northfleet brought a record-breaking 3,074 people for a Beazer Homes League southern division match to Central Park on Tuesday (Walter Gammie writes). Sittingbourne won 1-0 thanks to a 75th-minute goal by Dave Bourne to move within three points of Gravesend with three matches in hand.

"I am more worried about the teams behind us," John Ryan, the Sittingbourne manager, said. "I think Havant and Salisbury are the two teams that have got any chance of catching us and we play them both twice in the next month."

The club's ambition has provoked a typically hostile response. "We get abusive letters and all sorts," Ryan said. "It's jealousy. I wish people were not jealous of us and our enjoyment of good fortune, and remembered that wherever we go we bring clubs their biggest gates of the season. We've just sent Gravesend a cheque for £2,300 as their share of the gate, which is quite a sum for non-League football."

The money from the sale of their previous ground three years ago has enabled Sittingbourne to develop spacious new facilities and attract players like Mark Barham, latterly of Brighton but once of Norwich City and England, and Steve Lovell, the former Wales international.

FA TROPHY QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Witton Albion v Farnborough Town; Sutton United v Warrington Town; Wycombe Wanderers v Gateshead; Boston United v Runcorn.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Ischgl	60	200	good	open	cloudy	-6	22/2
(Skiing on cold, dry snow all levels; all lifts open)							
Lech	100	165	good	open	cloudy	-9	23/2
(All lifts, runs open; skiing on cold, dry snow)							
Seefeld	65	120	good	open	sunny	-2	23/2
(Best snow on higher runs; all lifts and runs open)							
St Anton	60	380	good	open	cloudy	-6	23/2
(Grooming in progress; entire ski area open)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	40	250	hardpacked	open	overcast	-4	22/2
(Some lower runs closed due to poor snow cover; all links open)							
Courchevel	100	190	good	open	sunny	-6	22/2
(Good snow at all levels; all lifts and runs open)							
Val d'Isère	80	190	good	artificial	sunny	-12	22/2
(Best snow at Solaise; extensive skiing available)							
ITALY							
Cortina	10	70	compact	artificial	sunny	6	9/12
(Snow forecast this weekend; 38 of 40 lifts operating)							
Livigno	50	100	good	compact	sunny	-4	22/2
(Good snow at Mottolino; extensive skiing; 26 of 27 lifts open)							
SPAIN							
Formigal	20	80	good	open	fine	0	21/2
(Best snow above mid-station; racing this weekend)							
SWITZERLAND							
Klosters	50	105	good	open	fine	-10	22/2
(Dry snow on hard base; all lifts and pistes open)							
St Moritz	50	80	good	icy patches	sunny	-9	22/2
(Entire ski area open; glacier run to Mortersatsch recommended)							
Villars	50	150	good	open	sunny	-2	22/2
(All runs groomed; all links, lifts and runs open)							
Wengen	60	140	good	open	fine	-9	22/2
(Cold snow on hardpacked base; all 23 lifts open)							
Zermatt	55	150	good	open	sunny	-6	22/2
(Groomed pistes with cover of dry snow; link with Italy open)							

Information supplied by Ski Hotline

Jarvis returns to fray with five wickets as spin gives way to seam in Bangalore

England douse Indian fire to win at last

FROM PETER BALL IN BANGALORE

ENGLAND'S cricketers ended their search for a first victory in five weeks here yesterday. They quietened the packed, noisy crowd in Chinnaswamy stadium by beating India by the comfortable margin of 48 runs to take a 2-1 lead in the one-day international series.

By the end, the crowd were drifting away sadly and fires were lit on the open terraces as their side failed to make any impression on England's solid but far from imposing score of 218 for nine. Paul Jarvis made his own point about his unexpected omission from the third Test match by ripping the heart out of the Indian innings and finishing with five for 35, his first five-wicket haul for England.

The result provides little consolation for the Test failures, but at the moment England are glad enough of a win anywhere. If there were still signs that they are some way short of their best, it will begin to restore confidence, not least to Graham Gooch and the bowlers.

The Test series may have been decided by the Indian spinners. Yesterday, it was the turn of the seam bowlers. Javagal Srinath, who did not play in the Test team, also took five wickets, to share the man-of-the-match award with Jarvis.

Gooch's performance was more low-key. Its importance at the end of a week of much soul-searching and some pointed criticism should not be underestimated, however. If the move down the order had been made to shield him, its success was questionable, for England were in some trouble, at 102 for four, when he arrived at the wicket. But he provided the necessary solidity, and to complete his day he held two catches.

His usefulness is clearly not yet over, and he will continue to bat at No. 6 in the three remaining one-day matches — one in Jamshedpur on Monday and two at Gwalior at the end of next week. Whether that presages a move to that position in Test cricket will provide source for speculation in the months ahead.

"I've scored lots of runs opening," Gooch said last night, "and as far as I am concerned it is the best place to bat: you get all the opportunity batting first. But as you get older, you have to consider what's the best way forward." Whether Smith's talents are best employed as opener may also be decided over the next week, but he made a steady enough start yesterday as England began cautiously after being put in.

With its triple-decker stand behind the bowler's arm, open terraces along one side and 50,000 at least squeezed inside with their flags and banners, fire crackers and the insistent rhythms of the drums, the ground resounded like an international football stadium.

Srinath soon gave them cause for celebration as he replaced Prabhakar and trapped Stewart leg-before in his first over.

An opening stand of 40 had given Smith and Hick something to build on, but England's fortunes plunged as Srinath took two wickets in successive overs. When Fairbrother was beaten by Azharuddin's direct throw from cover, Gooch's arrival coincided with England's low point.

Hick, however, was into his stride, and Gooch was content to play second fiddle in a stand of 55 before Prabhakar struck the vital blow as Hick skied a pull. The captain ensured a respectable total, if not prosperity.

As it turned out, 218 was enough. India lost Prabhakar immediately to a quicksilver piece of fielding by Lewis, but as both Malcolm and DeFreitas failed to settle, they moved into a position of strength.

The introduction of Jarvis for the seventeeth over changed all that as he removed the dangerous Kambli with his first ball.

"I always think I can get him out," Jarvis said afterwards. It is a pity he could not test that theory in Bombay.

Jarvis has no such illusions about Tendulkar, but Lewis immediately did the job, Hick hanging on to the first of two superb slip catches. When Jarvis then trapped Azharuddin with the first ball of his second over, India had lost their three most potent batsmen in the space of three overs.

Amre soon followed, and when Gooch took a tumbling catch at mid-off to remove the adhesive Sidhu, India could not recover, although Kapil Dev and Kumble gave them a flicker of optimism.

Their resistance ended any hope England had of avoiding a fine for their slow over-rate. India were three overs short of their allotted 50; England, with only 47 to bowl, still fell six overs short of that target. It will cost them 30 per cent of their match fee, approximately £300.

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GRAHAM MORRIS



Lasting appeal: Jarvis traps the Indian captain, Azharuddin, leg-before in Bangalore yesterday

India won toss

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
R A Smith c More b Srinath	29	-	4	82	50
Flashed at wide ball					
†A J Stewart lbw b Srinath	14	-	2	44	32
Beaten off pitch					
G A Hick c Amre b Prabhakar	56	-	3	115	61
Running catch at deep square-leg					
M W Gatting b Srinath	7	-	1	11	13
Late with shot — deflection off top of pad					
N H Fairbrother run out (Azharuddin)	5	-	-	20	15
Direct hit from backward point					
*G A Gooch b Prabhakar	45	-	2	78	61
Beaten by inswinger					
C C Lewis c Tendulkar b Srinath	19	-	1	20	19
Big hit to deep mid-wicket					
D A Reeve not out	13	-	1	26	11
P A J DeFreitas c Prabhakar b Srinath	2	-	-	3	3
Diving at short third man					
P W Jarvis c Azharuddin b Kapil Dev	1	-	-	5	3
Mistimed drive to cover					
D E Malcolm not out	0	-	-	2	3
Extras (lb 15, w 4, nb 8)	27				
Total (9 wkts, 211 min, 47 overs)	218				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42 (Smith 20), 2-65 (Hick 5), 3-79 (Hick 8), 4-102 (Hick 25), 5-157 (Gooch 23), 6-185 (Gooch 32), 7-210 (Reeve 8), 8-213 (Reeve 9), 9-218 (Reeve 13).
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 8-1-27-1 (w 1) (7-1-24-0, 1-0-3-1); Prabhakar 10-0-50-2 (nb 2, w 1) (4-0-17-0, 6-0-33-2); Srinath 9-1-41-5 (nb 7, w 2) (8-1-16-3, 3-0-25-2); Raju 10-0-46-0; Kumble 10-1-39-0.

INDIA

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M Prabhakar run out (Lewis)	0	-	-	13	10
Direct hit from gully					
N S Sidhu c Gooch b DeFreitas	40	-	4	150	57
Mistimed drive to extra cover					
V G Kambli c Stewart b Jarvis	33	-	4	73	60
Edged rising ball					
S R Tendulkar c Hick b Lewis	3	-	-	7	6
Overhead catch at slip					
*M Azharuddin lbw b Jarvis	1	-	-	2	3
Beaten off pitch pushing forward					
P K Amre c Hick b Jarvis	16	-	2	30	24
Edged to slip					
Kapil Dev c Gooch b Malcolm	32	-	3	67	44
Mis-hit to extra cover					
†K S More lbw b Jarvis	0	-	-	2	2
Playing across line					
A Kumble b Jarvis	24	-	3	63	39
Beaten for pace					
J Srinath c Hick b Malcolm	2	-	-	8	7
Skied to deep third man					
S L V Raju not out	1	-	-	7	3
Extras (lb 4, w 11, nb 3)	18				
Total (218 min, 41.4 overs)	170				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3 (Sidhu 1), 2-61 (Sidhu 19), 3-68 (Sidhu 21), 4-67 (Sidhu 21), 5-100 (Sidhu 37), 6-114 (Kapil Dev 11), 7-115 (Kapil Dev 12), 8-160 (Kumble 20), 9-166 (Kumble 22).
BOWLING: Malcolm 9-1-47-2 (w 5) (5-1-24-0, 1-0-12-0, 3-0-11-2); DeFreitas 8-0-27-1 (nb 4, w 3) (2-0-8-0, 3-0-15-0, 3-0-4-1); Lewis 10-0-32-1 (w 1) (8-0-22-1, 2-0-10-0); Jarvis 8.4-1-35-5 (w 1) (8-1-33-4, 0.4-0-2-1); Reeve 6-0-25-0 (nb 1) (2-0-9-0, 4-0-17-0).
Umpires: V K Ramaswamy and M R Singh.

Pleat's future secure despite dispute

BY ADRIAN HOLLOWAY

DAVID Kohler, the Luton Town managing director, stressed yesterday that the future of David Pleat, the first division club's manager, was safe despite a dispute over the on-off transfer of Phil Gray.

Kohler is believed to have proposed the exchange transfer of Gray, Luton's leading scorer, for Mick Harford, of Chelsea, without Pleat's consent, although the deal was called off yesterday.

After discussions with Pleat, Kohler said the transfer was not right for the club but added that Luton's financial position was tight and that they had traditionally sold their best players.

The club would have received a cash payment, plus the 34-year-old forward, in exchange for Gray, who is ten years Harford's junior.

Kohler insisted Pleat's position was not in jeopardy. "I take exception to that," he said. "It was certainly not discussed."

Pleat, the former Tottenham Hotspur manager, failed to give his usual press briefing yesterday. John Moore, his assistant, said: "David is saying nothing today. I think he has had a bellyfull of infighting.

"All we want is to have the support of everybody in the club to maintain the status quo until the end of the season. If Gray was transferred while we are fighting to climb up the league, it would have hurt our chances to a great degree."

Chelsea confirmed they were interested in making Gray the club's first signing since David Webb took over as manager from Ian Porterfield a fortnight ago. Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, said: "Luton are one of several clubs to have approached us about Mick, and we have also expressed an interest in Gray, but no deal was finalised."

Ten days ago, Webb refused a £150,000 offer from Aston Villa for Harford, who has had two previous spells at Luton, where he still lives.

The Professional Footballers' Association yesterday renamed its annual fair play trophy after Bobby Moore, the former England captain, who died earlier this week. The move is subject to the approval of Moore's family.

Three make odd numbers add up

BY MEL WEBB

A LUCK-BLESSED trio proved yesterday that on the PGA European Tour, even a mathematical impossibility can be solved with a spoonful of experience, a cupful of skill and a basinful of good fortune.

The players — Des Smyth, Jim Payne and Carl Mason — took only eight strokes between them to negotiate the 15th hole in the Turespaña Masters in Cádiz and, in so doing, proved that three into eight really does go with not a decimal point in sight.

Smyth, the overnight leader after a first-round 67, and Payne both holed approaches to the 15th green for eagle twos while Mason had to make do with a par four after missing a birdie putt. Payne was the first to play his second shot on the 354-yard hole and his nine-iron from 134 yards hit the green, skipped twice and disappeared into the hole. After Mason had hit his second to six feet, Smyth, also using a nine-iron, took a similar route to Payne, the ball bouncing twice from 117 yards before finishing in the cup.

The eagle helped Smyth to settle down after allowing the five strokes by which he broke par the previous day to disappear in his first four holes.

Starting at the 10th, he dropped a shot at that hole, then suffered a triple-bogey seven on the 12th after making a costly blunder. He sliced his drive and thought the ball had gone out of bounds, then committed the cardinal sin of not telling his partners that he was playing a provisional ball.

The original ball was eventually found still in play, but Smyth was forced to play his second because he had failed to utter the magic word "provisional" on the tee. He took a five with his second ball, had to endure a two-stroke penalty and proceeded to bogey the 13th as well.

However, a 12-foot putt secured his first birdie of the day at the 14th and then came the all-important eagle. He still had a 79 to finish six shots behind the halfway leaders, Eduardo Romero and Steven Richardson.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 140: E Romero (Arg), 68, 72; S Richardson, 69, 71. 141: A Oldcorn, 70, 71; J Haeggman (Swe), 69, 72. 142: J M Olazábal (Sp), 71, 71; A Garrido (Sp), 70, 72; B Langer (Ger), 70, 72. 143: E O'Connell, 71, 72; G Turner (NZ), 72, 71; M Sunesson (Swe), 72, 71; C Moody, 72, 71; P Mitchell, 73, 70; M-A Martin (Sp), 68, 75; O Sellberg (Swe), 73, 70. 144: A Gallner (Swe), 68, 76; T Pernice (US), 73, 71; V Fernández (Arg), 72, 72; R Rafferty, 72, 72; P Mayo, 71, 73; W Westner (SA), 71, 73; D Clarke, 73, 69. 145: P Fulke (Swe), 70, 75; J Payne, 7,2 73; J Rivero (Sp), 71, 74; D Mijovic (Can), 71, 74; J Rozadilla (Sp), 70, 75; J-M Cañizares (Sp), 73, 72; J Hobday, 73, 72.

Hopes rise for British ski jumping

These things come but once in a lifetime. Suddenly and dramatically, a brilliant new window of sponsorship has opened. Dramatic events have taken place close to the heart of one of this column's *causes célèbres:* British ski jumping. The opportunity has come up at, of all places, Catterick. Efforts to establish the first permanent British ski-jumping hill have been going on for years: but here, the military connections mean that there are no planning permission requirements.

What is needed, and soon, is £5,000 — surely the greatest sponsorship bargain in history. For this trifling sum, the sponsor will see his name applied to the hill, and on all communications and publicity material.

The hill — artificial snow, obviously — would further the great strides made by intrepid crazies of British ski jumping. Potential sponsors should contact the British Ski Federation at 258 Main Street, East Calder, West Lothian, EH53 OEE.

Athletics kit has always fascinated me. The super-slick skin-hugging clothes are both big business and high glamour: but somehow, the effect is always ruined. The label always hangs out at the back and the sleek lines must always be hidden by two flapping numbers and a bunch of safety pins. Now Alan Parry, the television commentator, has come up with a further problem. He can't tell the difference between the athletes because they all seem to wear the same kit.

"In every sport I can think of, international teams must wear colours which make them easily distinguishable from their opponents. Athletics seem to be the exception," he writes in *Athletics Today*. "This causes confusion for spectators, for millions watching on TV and those of us in the commentary box." I think Flo-Jo had the best idea: you could always pick her out in a crowd.



SIMON BARNES
Sporting Diary

Although it is rather late in the day, I offer our beleaguered cricketing lads in India a tip sent to me by Jim Dutton, gathered after eight years in the subcontinent. He writes of "a curious method of determining the purity of prawns. While still in their shell, they were given a lateral twist and the direction in which the head came to rest was thought to indicate whether clean or unclean." He added that the process is more difficult when the prawns have already been cooked.

Modern sporting attitudes: Carlos Bilardo, manager of Sevilla, berated his trainer for attempting to help an opponent who had been kicked in the face by Diego Maradona. Bilardo was heard to shout: "What the hell does the opposition matter? You have to stamp on your rivals?" He later said, more thoughtfully: "You don't even give water to your opponents. You've got to stamp on them, destroy them. The only thing that counts is winning."



Poor pitches

At the present rate, there will soon be no decent football pitches left in Europe. The pitch in Milan is now famously dreadful. At Parc des Princes in Paris, the state of the pitch is so dire they are thinking of switching France's World Cup matches elsewhere. And now I hear that the pitch in Naples is virtually unplayable. The stadium cost £70 million for redevelopment during the World Cup but the failure to find the sum of £4,000 has caused the pitch to deteriorate to an almost impossible degree. The money should have been spent on the purchase of grass seeds. Napoli football club naturally said it would find this. But the local commune, which owns the stadium, got on its dignity and insisted that it had to find the money itself. The inevitable result was that no one did anything. You can now sit in a 70-million-quid stadium and watch chaps kicking a ball on a surface that cause them to blush with shame on Hackney Marshes.

Fit to drop

Horrors! I hear the jogging boom is back in full force in the United States, thanks to the exhibitionistic (what is he trying to tell us?) running of Bill Clinton. Running clubs report huge membership increases and non-stop enquiries. America has resolved to live forever, or die in the attempt.

Racing again

When our world's changing political climate begins to affect sailing, it is time to take note. A welcome herald of modern times is the return to the racing calendar next month of the St Petersburg to Havana yacht race, an annual event until the intervention of Mr Castro in 1959.

The race, which was first held in 1930, was suspended during the second world war and resumed in 1946. "We've been trying to get this historic race back for years," James Lang, former commodore of the St Petersburg, Florida, yacht club, said.

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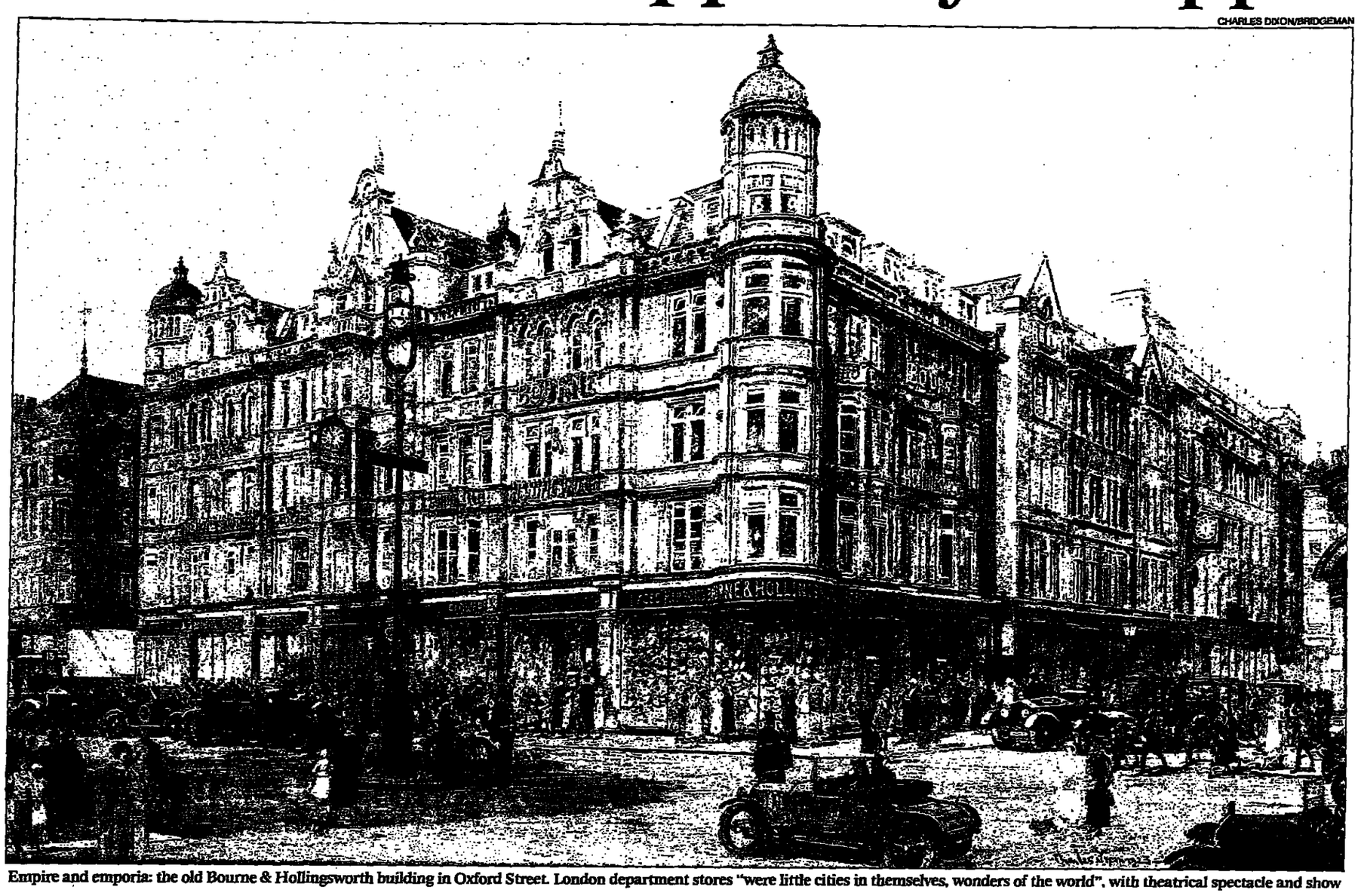
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A great tradition: shoppe till ye droppe

The British have little right to be sniffy about 'trade', Roy Porter says, given that we invented shopping

CHARLES DIXON/BRIDGEMAN



Empire and emporia: the old Bourne & Hollingsworth building in Oxford Street. London department stores "were little cities in themselves, wonders of the world", with theatrical spectacle and show

Years ago," remarks a character in Arthur Miller's *The Price*, "a person, he was unhappy, didn't know what to do with himself — he'd go to church, start a revolution — something. Today you're unhappy? Can't figure it out? What is the salvation? Go shopping!"

The grand master of American theatre, we're tempted to say, has hit the nail on the head. Born-to-shop Americans, we smugly reflect, have sold their souls to the check-out desk, unlike we Brits, ever mindful of good housekeeping and sensible shopping.

Such ideas are symptomatic of the appalling English snobbery about "trade". The truth is, this country once led the field in shopping, its art, science and culture. (How *could* we have been, as Napoleon sneered, a nation of shopkeepers, without also being a nation of shoppers?) The sound of tills should be a source of pride.

Our 18th-century predecessors had a passion for shopping, treating it as a pleasurable pastime, fashionable and fun: "The shops are really very entertaining," remarks a character in one of Fanny Burney's novels, obviously deep into lifestyle shopping.

English shops were little cities in themselves, wonders of the world. Familiar with shops back in Berlin or Bologna (which were mere workshops), foreigners were amazed to find that English emporia resembled theatres, all spectacle and show. "Behind the great glass windows," drooled Sophie von La Roche, a German novelist, visiting London in 1786, "absolutely everything one can think of is neatly, attractively displayed, in such abundance of choice as almost to make one greedy."

The Victorians invented the department store and all the novelties accompanying it, from cafés and conveniences to twice-yearly sales. The great trailblazer was William Whiteley, who launched his London store in 1863, significantly just weeks after the opening of the Metropolitan Line. Determined to make Westbourne Grove the "Bond Street of the west", Whiteley sold everything from clocks to socks and boasted a restaurant, a dry-cleaning department, a hair-dressing salon and an estate agency. His erstwhile employee, John Barker, was soon vying with him in Kensington, while Charles Digby Harrod was turning his Knightsbridge grocery into an establishment supplying drapery and carpets, haberdashery and furniture, and pioneering unique amenities such as "elegant and restful retiring-rooms for both sexes, a club room, fitting rooms, smoking rooms, etc, free of charge or questions". Small wonder that Harrods adopted the telegraphic address: Everything, London.

The shopping bug spread to provincial high streets. The Glaswegian Thomas Lipton became the self-crowned "king of the dairy provision trade". By 1898, he boasted 245 branches. While easily outstripping rivals such as John Sainsbury, Lipton's position as monarch of the multiples was usurped by Home and Colonial Stores Ltd with its 400 outlets. Hepworths the tailors and Dunns the hatters, Boots and Timothy White's, Freeman Hardy Willis, Thomas Lilley and Stead & Simpson were all enticing window-shoppers, while behind his Leeds stall Michael Marks was telling passers-by: "Don't ask the price, it's a penny."

The style supremo was the American, Gordon Selfridge, who opened up in Oxford Street in 1909. Rejecting "the subdued and disciplined atmosphere of a gentleman's mansion" that made rival stores so stifling, Selfridge created an aesthetic pleasure-dome. Customers, he believed, should "enjoy the warmth and light, the colours and styles, the feel of fine fabrics".

But consuming passions didn't begin with the Victorians: remember the fuss provoked in *Emma* (1816), when Jane Fairfax was given a Broadwood piano? Jane Austen loved coming up to London to shop . When in town, did she, one wonders, visit the Wedgwood showroom? More than a great potter, Josiah Wedgwood took the plunge in 1765, opening London's first retail showroom in Grosvenor Square, replete with entire dinner services laid out, banquet-ready. Wedgwood grasped the great shopping secret, that "business and amusement" must be "made to go hand in hand". "I need not tell you," he assured his partner, "that it will be in our interest to amuse and divert and please and astonish, nay, even to ravish, the ladies." So selling became seduction.

By Wedgwood's day, shopping was big business. Around 1750, England had 150,000 retailers — with a population of about six million, this meant one shop per 40 people, far more than now. Such outlets fuelled the first great consumer revolution, thanks to which, in the century after 1650, key household items became affordable: table-linen, curtains, rugs, mirrors, clocks, cutlery, china crockery, prints and pictures. Shop-bought goods were replacing home-made ones, and earthenware mugs were being superseded by glassware and china tea services (new hot drinks like tea made all the difference, requiring handles and saucers).

Imperial expansion flooded the market with exotic products such as cottons and japanned furniture. This deluge of goods changed the face of shopping, as the eagle-eyed Daniel Defoe noted. "It is a modern custom and wholly unknown to our ancestors to have tradesmen lay out two-thirds of their fortune in fitting up their shops. By fitting up, I do not mean furnishing their shops with ware and goods to sell; but in painting and gilding, fine shelves, shutters, boxes, glass doors, sashes and the like, in which, they tell us now, 'tis a small matter to lay out £200 or £300." What would he think now?

Fast-food take-aways were perfected in the 18th century. "Why do you keep your shop window open even in the depths of winter?" the poet Robert Southey asked a pastry cook. Because, she explained, much of her trade came from "persons who took up buns or biscuits as they passed by and threw their pence in, not allowing themselves time to enter".

The shopping itch — part of what Adam Smith called the propensity to truck and barter — was powerful earlier still. Time was when it was gratified by pilgrimages, shrines and spas.

Medieval cathedrals served as the superstores of traditional society: trade in rosaries, relics and pardons prefigured today's jewellery counters, antiques departments and insurance offices. And when the promise of salvation suffused the commodities on sale, small wonder shopping was seen not as a trivial pursuit but as a serious business, a healthy activity.

Early economists also granted commerce a certain dignity. Adam Smith's forerunners thought the key to a healthy economy lay in energetic circulation. Hoarding was numbing, but exchange created wealth. Conspicuous consumption might almost be a patriotic duty.

Truths like these are easily forgotten, or rather repressed. Echoing Samuel Smiles, we fondly imagine Britain's greatness lay in her industrial base, in manufacturing rather than marketing, in being the workshop rather than the shop-window of the world. Today, finance carries more prestige than trade while, for their part, socialists have always been snooty about the acquisitive society, hankering after an arts-and-crafts past where wants were simple, and all was natural.

Golden-age fantasies have a perennial appeal. Ours is not the first era to berate the "shop till you drop" syndrome. "What is shopping in these days, but an unsuccessful struggle against overwhelming temptations?" demanded a magazine article almost a century ago. "These days, we go to purchase something we want, but when we get to our shop, there are so many things that we never thought of till they presented their obtrusive fascinations on every side. We look for a ribbon, a flower, a chiffon of some sort or other, and we find ourselves in a paradise of ribbons, flowers, and chiffons, without which our life becomes impossible, and our gown unwearable." *Plus ça change*: the writer could almost be talking about life in the hypermarket. Nostalgia and puritanism still tarnish innocent consumer pleasures. Time to remember we were the first of the big spenders: a counter-revolution is long overdue.

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Give me marks out of ten for life

WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN

I was in Ireland last week, and as I passed by my old school I thought of the days when I was dubbed the naughtiest girl there and wondered, is there anything to be learnt about authority from my own experiences?

My schoolgirl pranks were harmless by today's standards, but in a grammar school in Ireland in the 1960s, they were classed as outrages. Schools in 1960s England may have been more liberal, but before television permeated every corner of the country, Ireland's moral trend was to lag behind England by about ten years. Those were the days when to throw a note to a fellow pupil during Latin which read: "What does *nudus-a-um* mean?" was to incur profound shock and disappointment in the teacher who intercepted it.

The *nudus-a-um* incident happened in Form One. By the time I was in Form Three I had begun to commit more serious offences, mainly because I found I could get away with them. I began to skip the occasional lesson while I lorded it over other members of my gang, "The Bog Lot", in the lavatories; I wore my unflattering beret as per the rule book but "wore" it pinned invisibly inside my blazer, where it hung flatly. When challenged by a prefect I cheekily flashed open my blazer and said: "There's nothing in the rule book that says you have to wear it on your head." I sat down on a low bench during assembly, and jumped out from behind lockers to put Biro marks on fellow pupils' faces. One boy developed a line of acne in the exact pattern swiped on by my pen the day before.

There was no reason for this delinquency as I came from a "secure" background. It was just plain naughtiness and wanting to see how much I could get away with. There were limits in those days, and while certain teachers could be goaded to the limit, there were others in whose classes one hardly dared to cough. There was no corporal punishment.

There were three teachers whom I did not dare bait. One, Mr Johnson, the new teacher of German, was tall, dark-haired and impeccably groomed with rather sinister tinted glasses. I thought that I would begin with subtle undermining so he could not be sure, but he was more sophisticated than I had bargained for. One day we had just learnt the word *die Welle*, which is German for "the wave", and Mr Johnson asked us to rewrite a passage about groups of people carrying boats down to the sea, putting it into the singular, i.e. "the man carried the boat down to. . ." I put up my hand and asked: "Please sir, is wave the singular of sea?" A flicker of a smile crossed his lips, then Mr Johnson came down with monumental force. "Mary Killen, you will stay in after school and wash my car."

Had he given me lines, I would have reoffended, but humiliated by having to wash his car in the school car-park at the age of 15, as the rest of the school filed by on their way home, I never provoked Mr Johnson again.

Mr Knox was another frightening figure who commanded both respect and terror. He taught maths, and such was the fear engendered by his authoritative stare that every one of his pupils knuckled down and passed O-level maths every year. It took me months to think up a way of disrupting his class without his being able to identify me as the perpetrator. I achieved this by collecting all the clicking Biros I could lay my hands on and then issuing one to each class member.

I sat in the front row. As Mr Knox turned to the blackboard, I gave my pre-arranged signal, which was to flex my shoulders. The entire class clicked their Biros in unison. By some peculiar law of acoustics the noise was far more deafening than I had expected. Thrown by this, and by triumph and fear, I began to laugh quietly, although nobody else did. Mr Knox stared at me with a withering contempt which seemed to remind me of the shame I brought on myself and my family. It ensured I never offended again.

My favourite teacher, Mr Steele, the English teacher, wrought the results he wanted from me with a mixture of praise and fear. In later life exactly the same conditions were recreated for those of us who worked on a magazine edited by the late Mark Boxer. Mark literally "marked" our articles, writing "excellent", "vg", "good", or just "OK" on them, or returning them angrily if we had been slapdash. He knew exactly what we were capable of.

Everyone on the staff responded well to his schoolmasterly approach, although we laughed about it at the time. We were devastated when he died because a human yardstick of our achievements no longer existed.

What I would like in adult life is some form of continuous assessment, where I could be marked at the end of each week for my performance in the subjects of Morals, Effort, Continence and Kindness to others. Life would be much easier with a yardstick.

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Peaceful Normandy landing

The traumas of getting herself and her two babies to a French gîte were quickly forgotten in the bliss of the beach and rock pools, Elizabeth Dashwood writes

Our shrimping nets caught baby flat-fish no bigger than tuppenny pieces, tiny crabs, diaphanous strands of emerald green seaweed and hermit crabs waving territorial pink claws at their new home in Rose's red bucket.

I savoured the golden moments, picture-book perfect after travel traumas: car sickness, missing the ferry, and the exhaustion of organising a holiday single-handed for myself and my daughters, Rose, aged two and a half, and one-year-old Miranda, after a tough week at the office.

> 'Check-lists maketh mother: lists of clothes, diversions, books — and cuddly toys'

We were playing in the rock pools at one end of Carolles beach, on the Caen peninsula of Normandy. Gone are the days when I scrambled down cliffs to swim in deserted coves. A buggy laden with nappies, water, food, nets, buckets, spades, suncream, towels, wipes and sunhats anchored me to beaches a few hundred yards from the car — an option prefered by all the other parents and their whirligig children on Carolles *plage*.

It was bliss. The children made friends, fascinated by new languages, while parents competed to build bigger and better sandcastles. There was a children's beach club with swings and trampolines. Handsome life-guards watched over us, the golden sands were warm, the sea exciting but not *too* exciting, and the rock pools teeming with wildlife.

Preparations for the holiday took a week of evenings spent planning routes and packing the car after work, so that I could drive my babies down to Portsmouth, load them on to the ferry and drive them to our *gîte* for a week's holiday without mishap.

Check-lists maketh mother: lists of clothes; lists of entertainments and diversions for the journey to leave me free to concentrate on driving and navigating; lists of favourite bedtime books; lists of travel documents, passports and directions. And most important of all, a list of the three cuddly toys without which life cannot continue: Mr Fox (Rose), and Duckie and Rabbit (Miranda).

Our Brittany Ferries cabin was clean and comfortable, with a neatly partitioned shower room, and the sea rocked us to sleep, only Miranda waking every now and then to wail and then fall back into deep sleep.

A dewy drive from the port to our three-storey stone cottage took three hours, with stops for coffee and juice, and a supermarket call.

Deep and twisty lanes abundant with wildflowers led to our temporary home, where pots of pillar-box red geraniums led up to the first-floor door. Inside, up and down rickety stairs, in and out of low doorways, we found a Raeburn in the extravagantly well stocked and equipped kitchen, where more geraniums sat on stone window-sills. There were two bathrooms, comfortable beds, a proper English cot, wall hangings and curl-up-and-read-here sofas and armchairs in front of a wood-burning stove in the sitting room.

Perched on the top of a hill overlooking orchards and lush water meadows in the valley below, the *gîte* was within a minute's walk of a stream and surrounded by campion, campanula, yellow spike-flowered mulleins, foxgloves, ragwort, scarlet pimpernel, and honeysuckle.

On the evening we arrived, still clinging to my over-ambitious schedule of Things To Do, we sped off to a Granville fish restaurant near the port, where I ate the FFr69 (£8.60) menu with the help of Rose and Miranda: moules, fresh trout, followed by apple tart.

We glimpsed Mont St Michel from the car as we drove back to the *gîte*, and Rose and Miranda were enchanted by the Sleeping-Beauty castle perched in the hazy blue-grey light around the acres of mud flat. We went. We should not have. The crowds were hideous, gawping and intolerant of children to the point where our passage became dangerous. A kind American swept Miranda and her buggy off its wheels and led us to safety, while I carried Rose away from all those aggressive feet and knees.

So Carolles became our haunt, and so too did *the gîte*, where one of the three neighbouring farms housed kind, shy, seven-year-old Amélie, who was staying with her grandmother. The girls played together, and when Amélie took Rose off to her grandmother's house, they returned with slabs of chocolate cake and goose eggs.

Towards the end of our week-long holiday, friends came to stay on their way to Brittany. Rose, Miranda and I shopped in Carolles weekly market early on the Thursday morning. It is small and simple, but the fish, fruit, vegetables, cheeses and cream were fresh. I bought a fat white tail of monkfish, live crabs fighting in the bag, to the delight of the children who wanted to play with them, fight-skinned black aubergines, sweet tomatoes, fresh garlic and courgettes. And a magnificent apple tart with a tub of *crème fraîche*.

We didn't want to go home. But the ferry, the *Normandie*, was vast and new and interesting. A kind of skyscraper in the sea: it was like seeing a jumbo jet for the first time. Below deck the nursery offered a slide, climbing frame, cinema and blackboard.

Rose still asks if we can go back to France, so I must have done something right. But if and when we do it again, I promise that I will abandon workaday schedules, forget trying to achieve a set number of outings, and just relax.

Travel notes

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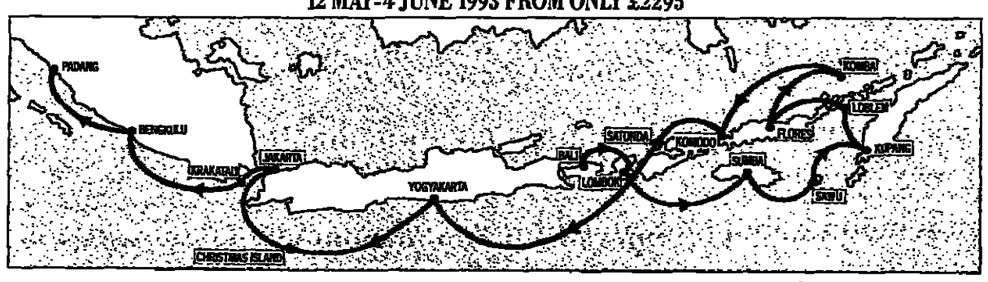


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Off to Omsk?

Essential advice to assist the unwary tourist through the travel jungle

People wrongly assume that Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "No man should travel until he has learnt the language of the country he visits", when what he actually said was: "No man should travel until he has learnt *how to pack* for the country he visits."

This is very different, unless your wardrobe runs to a rail of T-shirts bearing the phrase "Hit me with a banana, Gladys" translated into Spanish, French, Italian and Hindi, which would be a courteous gesture to your host country, but scores low for real chat or sartorial dash.

Following Emerson's example, other writers, from Greene to Dostoevsky, have included a travel tip or two in their books, often in the foreword. To save holiday-makers the bother of ploughing through important works of literature, here is a selection of travel tips that have stood the tests of time.

● Remember that children under the age of two travel free on planes. For a relaxing and cost-efficient flight, book yourself in Economy Class and your children in Club. It costs no more and leaves you free to watch the movie.

● You can now take holidays in Omsk. But don't feel you have to.

● The leather thongs left as a complimentary gift in Rio hotel rooms are not a spare pair of shoelaces. They are local street clothes. People in Rio walk the streets wearing nothing but a thong knotted around their crotch: it is the clearest way of signalling to muggers you are carrying nothing worth stealing.

● If, after an overpriced meal, your bill suggests an extra 20 per cent service charge "for your waiter", suggest that your waiter finds a cheaper apartment.

● In countries with dodgy hygiene, by all means be adventurous, but never eat anything you can't pronounce, however tasty. Should you get food poisoning, you won't be able to tell the doctor what it was that felled you.

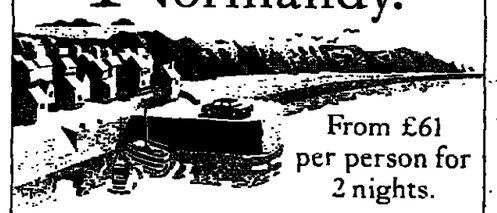
● Think carefully when buying souvenirs. Britons are still wrestling with the idea of closer links with their European neighbours. They will find living next door to an English person who vacuums wearing Afghan tribal dress merely upsetting.

● Under the Montreal protocols, checked-in airline luggage — even a suitcase packed with Versace outfits — that gets lost is only valued at $20 a kilo, which is about the price of good topside. If you are not the risk-taking type, either travel with hand luggage only, or fill your case with *boeuf en croûte*.

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In the farmyard, mathematics do not add up

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

There was a time when a farmer's grasp of economics required him to know roughly how many beans made five. Ask him a similar question today and he might ask you exactly what you mean. Are you, for example, making allowances in the answer for fluctuations in the value of the mysterious green pound, and do you want him to consider the long-term impact of Gatt, which has called into question the entire future of the beans market? How many of the five beans have been set aside?

Try another question. Ask a farmer how many cows he has on the farm: surely an easy question to answer. But according to the latest from the ministry, there are changes in the way cows are to be counted. "The number of cows which are assumed to be used for milk production will be determined by dividing your milk quota by the national yield figure of 5,200kg for 1993, rounded up to the nearest whole number."



How many cows make five? Pass the calculator, mother.

This is not my idea of keeping financial control of a farm. Like our techniques, our economics are shrouded in the mists of tradition: this is why the farm stays poor, the bank manager confused, but the farmer sane.

Up till now I have gleaned all the principles of farm accounting from a slim booklet published in the late 1940s to educate young farmers. It is entitled *Farm Reckoning*, and the front cover has a picture of an old boy, cap at a slant, chalking a few numbers on the side of the thrashing machine. It asks reasonable questions, such as: "A chaff-cutter with four blades is cutting chaff 1½in long. If the machine were run at the same speed but two alternate blades were removed, how long would the chaff be?" This is supposedly where the farmer slides his cap to one side, digs among the string in his pocket for a bit of chalk, and struggles to remember his times-tables. But would he? I think not. The answer, surely, is that the chaff would be too long for an "ol' hoss" but "that'd do damn well for them ol' cows". Q.E.D.

Even my rudimentary farm accounting manual from the 1940s reads like an advanced textbook compared with a volume which has just come my way, entitled *McDougall's Rural Arithmetics*, published in 1914. It announces itself to be part of a "series for the Upper Classes in Country Schools",



and boasts a companion volume innocently called *Girls' Suggestive Arithmetics* — presumably majoring in vulgar fractions.

It advises us to first learn tables by heart. "A sack of flour = 280lb. A sack of wool = 364lb. A bushel of flour = 56lb, a firkin of butter = 56lb, a truss of old hay = 56lb, a truss of new hay = 60lb." Thus, with the knowledge firmly implanted that he who swaps a firkin of butter for a truss of old hay would have done better to have gone for the new stuff, we now move on to the chalk-on-the-wall questions, such as: "Young cattle are fed on 63lb of cut mangel a day. How many stone do they eat in a week?"

But as any farmer will tell you, there is no such thing as a straight answer to even the most linear of questions. At least once a week I will ask a chap how much he wants for hay, straw, a calf, a couple of ewes. His answer will be either, "What do yer wan' give me?" or, "That would have to be at least fifty quid, at least. If not more." The true answers to farming questions cannot be arrived at by mathematics alone.

On page 12 we are asked: "If it takes 2hr 35min to plough a ridge of a certain length with horses, how long will it take to plough a dozen such ridges?" The book seeks the answer "31hr". But anyone who has ploughed with horses knows that half an hour must be added to every four, while the horses take a breath and the horseman has a fag. Then, at some stage, it is certain the harness will break, or a horse lose a shoe, or the plough-spanner drop to the ground and be ploughed under.

It is futile to waste valuable brain-cells on a mathematical approach to farming. Why should the farmer have to struggle to "express 19.81 tonnes per acre of mangels in pounds"? He knows that 20-odd ton is a damned good crop, about 35 tumbrils full and enough to see him through the winter.

Perhaps it is this dislike of straight answers which has infected the politicians who now run farming economics.

Ask Mr Gummer how many beans make five and he will reassure you: "Far more than would have been the case had it not been for my great efforts at the negotiating table; far more." Modern farming economics are about as suggestive as you can get.

The ragged sentinels

Derwent May admires the diversity of scarecrows, but do they frighten birds?

THE IMAGE BANK



Not the stuff of nightmares: a complete family of scarecrows guarding the crops seems to offer a hearty welcome rather than serve as a deterrent to predatory birds

There are probably children nowadays who think that Worzel Gummidge is a creature from outer space, a kind of ragged ET, just as there are said to be children who think that milk is a second-rate drink manufactured by the people who make cola. But, although no census has recently been taken, there are still plenty of honest scarecrows dotted in lonely fields around our countryside.

A farmer in Berkshire was in the news not long ago because he had put up two brightly painted cardboard cutouts of Worzel holding a stick like a rifle, and was told by the local council to remove them because they had frightened a rambler. About the same time, it was reported that a Cleveland farmer, Joe Crawford, had six scarecrows on his land, all with the straw stuffed into rather good old clothes, and woke up one morning to find they had been stripped naked by thieves.



Vegetating: US model

Scarecrows today can be anything from an orange petrol can sitting on a T-shaped piece of wood to effigies worthy of a place in Madame Tussauds. Shop-window mannequins have been making more frequent appearances in the fields lately, even topless ones. More ambitiously, I have seen an SAS figure with a very modern-looking gun, a clubman with morning coat and pointing umbrella, and even a Mick Jagger. I heard of a Prince and Princess of Wales pair at the time of their marriage in 1981.

But do scarecrows scare? And if they do, is it crows that they frighten? They do not look very effective out there, standing motionless among the growing crops: and there are many tales of wrens nesting in their straw heads, blackbirds nesting in their coat pockets, and pheasants sheltering behind them in the east wind.

However, as James Pitts, a farmer in Northamptonshire, says: "If we thought they were no bloody good, we wouldn't waste time putting them up." He has about 30 on his land.

"The thing with birds is to be devious," he says: he moves them around all the time. But there is a catch. Most of his scarecrows are also fitted with a gas-banger. This is the device that has in some places taken over from the scarecrow, since not all farmers are like Mr Pitts in combining them with traditional effigies.

The gas-banger was preceded by the rope-banger, which was no more than a series of jumping crackers on a long fuse. The gas-banger is a bottle of gas which leaks at fixed intervals into a chamber, where it is lighted by a timed spark. It makes a very loud series of bangs, either at regular or irregular interval. Irregular reports frighten the birds better because the wily creatures learn to ignore regular sounds. On one Cambridgeshire farm I know, the owner puts the bangers in oil-cans to make an even more resounding bang.

I cannot say that gas-bangers have the charm of scarecrows. In fact, they are passionately hated by many country people. They can be heard half a mile away, and if they are left on at night, they can cause more misery to humans than they are ever likely to cause birds. In fact, a protest organisation called the Bird Scarers Anti-Nuisance Group, or BANG, was set up a few years ago, and there is now a code of practice for using gas-bangers.

And do they scare crows? The first answer is that scarecrows have never done that. In the country, crows are usually seen in ones and twos, widely separated, never in flocks. The "crow" in "scarecrow" is just an old, loose name for rooks, which do feed together in large numbers. In the past, scarecrows were mainly directed against rooks in the cornfields, but today the birds are not considered such a threat. They do more good in the fields by feeding on insects in the soil than they do harm to the sprouting wheat and barley. The only crops that farmers try to drive them off are peas and beans.

The real bird enemy of the modern farmer is the wood pigeon — and the crop that wood pigeons mainly threaten is the modern one of oilseed rape, the plant that turns fields bright yellow when it flowers in the spring. Wood pigeons are particularly destructive of the young shoots, and a figure of £2 million a year has been put on the damage they do to oilseed rape.

So "scarepigeons" are what we really have in the fields now between October and March. Wood pigeons are thought to have increased in number in the past 20 years, and even more ingenuity is now being applied to the business of moving them on. "A shot up the backside" may, as Mr Pitts says, be the best method of all, but there are now electronic scarecrows with a battery that moves their head and arms about. One model even makes the arms flap up and down at the same pace as a hovering kestrel's wings, so that pigeons it is two enemies at the same time.

But the classic scarecrow lives on, and on a day's walk in the country just now you still have a fair chance of seeing one, his clothes and streamers flapping away on the crest of a field speckled with green. Walter de la Mare has a poem about one:

I lift void eyes and scan
The skies for crows, those ravening foes
Of my strange master, Man.

The bird may be wrong — but the voice of the scarecrow rings as true as ever.

Feather report

Curtain call in the reeds

Birds of reedy marshland tend to be secretive, but last weekend I saw two of the most elusive: a bittern and a water rail, *Derwent May writes*. The bitterns of East Anglia usually stay in their own reed beds during the winter, but a few more come across from Holland or elsewhere on the Continent, and one had been reported in a quite skimpy reed bed near Cheshunt, in the Lea valley north of London.

The Lea Valley Authority has built a number of bird hides along the edge of its marshes and flooded gravel pits, and the bittern had been seen just outside one of these. When I got there, about a dozen birdwatchers were sitting peering through the slots in the hides with binoculars and telescopes, but there was not much excitement. I learnt that about half an hour before a bittern had vanished into a thick clump of reeds.

I sat and waited with the others. Out on the lake beyond, Canada geese were setting up a mournful wail and trying to bite each other: pair formation was evidently going on. A great crested grebe swam by, its neck erect, its ruff chestnut and silky. Then there was a movement in the reeds, and we saw a long, dagger-like beak and head emerge, pointed at a sharp angle to the sky. The head was buff and black, and just under the eye there was a thick black line. This was no grey heron.

The head remained motionless for a long time. Then it moved slowly forward, and the bird's neck and body came into sight. It was, unmistakably, a bittern: the neck streaked and the body like a great balloon, mottled all over with yellow-buff and dark brown. Now it fell motionless again. It was in quite a thin patch of reeds here, but the criss-cross markings blended quite astonishingly with its surroundings. If you took your eye off it, you had to remember your bearings to find it again.

At last it started performing for us. It slowly lowered its head and took one or two sharp stabs at the water. Then it straightened its neck, twisted it right round, and pointed its beak almost vertically at the sky. There it remained, in the classic bittern pose, practically invisible.

But there was another excitement even while the bittern was standing there. At the edge of the reeds there was an open stretch of mud and sedge, and suddenly a water rail stepped delicately across it. Through the glasses you could see what a colourful bird it was, with its streaky orange back, blue-grey underside and long red bill, but it merged almost as well as the bittern with the vegetation.

Suddenly it found its confidence and became animated, tugging at leaves to left and right. Something startled it and it ran away into the reeds as fast as a mouse.

All along the Lea valley there is marshland of this kind, and everywhere in Britain at the moment you can find teal and snipe in such habitats. On the Lea, the best place to see them is at Rye House, a bird reserve a little north of Cheshunt and owned by the RSPB.

You can hear the teal before you see them, since the drakes are calling now with a delightful note like the shaking of little bells. They lurk in the reeds, or sleep on mudbanks. In wintry sunshine, the drakes' chestnut and green heads gleam.

Snipe often sleep during the day on the edge of the mud, their beaks tucked into the feathers of their backs, but where they feel secure and the food is plentiful they stalk slowly along, pushing their beaks deep into the mud and sucking up small creatures. In the sunshine their backs glow like tiny woven carpets of black and orange-brown.

You never tire of seeing such shy, beautiful birds as these. But the bittern is what I am thinking about most at the moment. I still seem to be looking through the thin reeds into its big, cold eye.

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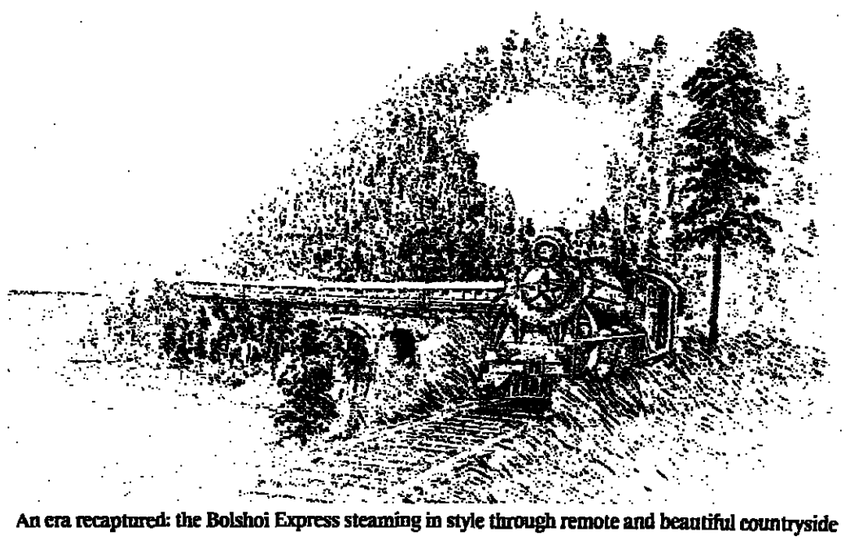


Denizen of the marshes: snipe are to be found all over the country

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Wales sends out its dragons

Robin Young takes a biased view of the St David's day assault by the Welsh on London's restaurants

HUGH BURDEN



A prince among peers: Dai Davies will be serving his award-winning "coracle" of Welsh lamb in the House of Lords on Monday

Buoyed, no doubt, by their success in proving at Cardiff this month that they can still, after all, play rugby (pity about the Scotland result), the Welsh are set to descend on London on Monday, St David's day, to prove another unexpected ability. They can, they claim, cook.

This will come as a surprise to most people who have visited the country, as good Welsh cooking is as elusive a myth as any denizen of the Mabinogion. My last experiences in Wales were at a pub whose speciality was the 32oz steak, and a climbers' café in Snowdonia, whose fry-up, a Schwarzenegger among greasy spoons, conclusively proved that men who climb mountains would gladly eat molehills if they were put before them on a plate.

"Good Welsh cooking" is notably only ever referred to by Welshmen, and then mostly through a flattering mist of expatriate nostalgia. The most eloquent testimony to it that I have heard came from Sir Harry Secombe, who once weighed 19 stone standing 5ft 7in in his cotton socks. He claimed that his wife's "good Welsh cooking" had immersed the slimline Neddy Seagoon he once was in "a tide of lard swimming up from my ankles".

For the most part, when people talk about "good Welsh cooking", they continue, not by specifying the instances, but by emphasising the excellence of the ingredients available. This is the same tactic that the English traditionally employed to disguise their culinary incompetence, though, thank God, it is now becoming less necessary.

The argument seems to presuppose that the excellence of the ingredients will somehow compensate for the lack of having the faintest idea what to do with them.

Now, when the English want to prove they can cook, they go to Paris. When the Welsh want to prove the same thing they come to London. And they are coming with every intention of taking some commanding heights of the English capital's eating-out economy by storm.

A front line of six chefs is travelling from Wales, courtesy of Welsh Food Promotions (and thus sponsored by the Welsh Office), to show that Welsh food is not quite all leeks, lamb and laverbread. Those excellent ingredients, but much more of the principality's finest produce besides, will be mounted in a fortnight-long exhibition of Welsh food in Selfridge's food hall from Monday.

This is Welsh Food Promotions' first attempt at bringing the good news from Gwent and other parts of Wales on the food front, and carries the exhortative theme title: "Follow the Dragons".

Some of the dragons are, it has to be admitted, adopted, rather than natural sons of the Land of My Fathers. Chris Chown, from Plas Bodegroes near Pwllheli, Gwynedd, has produced that almost unprecedented gastronomical phenomenon, a Michelin star in Wales, but counts himself half-Scot, half-English, though he has lived in Wales a long time. He will be cooking his signature dishes, which include salad of monkfish, Carmarthen ham and mushrooms, and a *bara brith*-and-butter pudding, at Alastair Little's restaurant in Frith Street, Soho.

Franco Taruschio, the only chef in Wales to share Mr Chown's place in *The Good Food Guide*'s lists of top-rated restaurants, came originally from central Italy, not border Wales, but he has been fuelling the Welsh pack at the Walnut Tree Inn at Llandewi Skirrid, outside Abergavenny, Gwent, for almost three decades, so nobody could deny him a place. The one he has been allotted for the St David's Day Welsh cook-in is at Turner's in Walton Street.

Other dragons, more ethnically legitimate, have already landed on London's streets. Bryan Webb, the chef of Hilaire in Old Brompton Road, is from the valleys. He got his start in catering as a 16-year-old when he answered an advert to work with Sonia Blech (now of Mijanou in Ebury Street), who was then running the Crown at Whitebrook, near Monmouth, a mile inside the Welsh border.

Mr Webb will be playing host to Dominic Gilbert, from Tyddyn Llan, near Bala, Gwynned, though the Welsh menu they offer will be principally of Mr Webb's devising. "I could not use much of Tyddyn Llan's menu," Mr Webb says, "because they had really taken London dishes down to Wales. It would seem silly to bring them back again."

It is not easy, he says, to find authentically Welsh recipes of any interest. Elizabeth David was of Welsh descent, but found her inspirations elsewhere. Theodora Fitzgibbon, who wrote *A Taste of Wales*, was Irish.

So it is back to the ingredients and present-day chefs' ingenuity: Mr Webb already regularly serves an *amuse-gueule* of deep-fried crispy laverbread, but now he will be adding Glamorgan sausages, Penclawdd cockles, Pembroke oysters, wild salmon from the Wye, and Carmarthen ham, and preparing Welsh-inspired dishes such as a *vinaigrette* of leeks with egg and anchovy, and Welsh lamb with *teisen nionod* (onion cake).

> 'Good Welsh cooking' is referred to only through a mist of expatriate nostalgia

Stephen Bull is "half-Welsh by birth and wholly Welsh in spirit", and though his restaurants are now in Blandford Street, Marylebone, and St John Street, Smithfield, he says he would still rather be cooking in Wales.

His first restaurant was the Meadowsweet in Inigo Jones's modest home town, Llanrwst, Gwynedd — chosen, it was said at the time, so that former colleagues from the advertising industry should not see what he was up to.

"The truth was", Mr Bull admits, "that I could only afford North Wales or Norfolk, and I happened to drive down the Conwy valley on a sunny day. It changed my life." Mr Bull has, accordingly, signed up with the dragons, and will be serving Welsh dishes at his bistro in Smithfield, while for three days Keith Rothwell, from the Ye Olde Bull's Head in Beaumaris, Anglesey, comes to cook at the Blandford Street restaurant.

Mr Rothwell, born Welsh, though he was out of Wales between the ages of nine and 27 and trained in Manchester, ran the Seahorse in Port Dinorwic, Gwynedd, for ten years, before crossing the Menai Straits with his partner, David Robertson, and their wives to revive the fortunes of the Olde Bull's Head coaching inn.

He will be making fresh Welsh goat cheese parcels to serve with blackcurrant *coulis*, and is bringing farmed smoked "sea" trout (rainbow trout which have lived in sea water) from Pontlyfni, near Caernarfon, and a dish of lamb with leeks and grain mustard in a pastry case, which he likens to beef Wellington.

The other Welsh dragons quitting their kitchen dungeons to slave over hot stoves in London are Peter Jackson from Maes-y-Neuadd near Harlech, who will be Welshifying the menu at the Goring Hotel near Victoria Station, and Dai Davies, from the Bryn Howel Hotel in the Vale of Llangollen, Clwyd.

Mr Davies will be treating the House of Lords to lamb's liver with leek sausages, Ystwyth grey mullet, Cardigan Bay skate, Welsh venison pudding, Menai mussels in a wild salmon terrine, and his Taste of Wales dish of the year, a "coracle" of Welsh lamb — mounting the lamb's kidney, liver, sweetbreads and fillet in a straw-potato basket shaped like the traditional Welsh boat. Now there's Welsh for you.

Variety is the staff of life

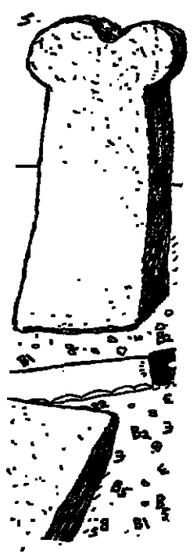
A LOAF of bread is not what it used to be. This British staple has been developed, refined and influenced by so many foreign cultures that it is hard to remember how our indigenous loaf once looked and tasted. Threatened by European ciabattas, baguettes, brioches, bagels and pumpernickels, not to mention unleavened pitta and nan breads, and the rise of wholegrain varieties, the crusty cob has almost been elbowed out of the bread bin.

The British Nutrition Foundation welcomes consumption of bread, especially wholemeal, which it regards as a nutritious food high in carbohydrate and low in fat. Certain types are undoubtedly healthier than others, for example those with fewer preservatives, flour improvers or other additives; while full butter recipes, such as croissants, or fried breads, such as Indian purees, are less easy to digest.

Wholemeal is the most fibrous, as it has to include the entire grain, and contains 8.8g of protein per 100g (a higher percentage than milk, yoghurt or even shepherd's pie). It has a reasonable amount of iron (25g per 100g) and significant amounts of vitamins and calcium.

FOOD SPY

Bread now comes in every shape



Occasionally manufacturers of white and brown loaves use the addition of vitamins and minerals as a selling point. However, according to Tony Casdagli, director of the Federation of Bakers, this is no more than a legal requirement. "Since the second world war, all loaves except wholemeal have had to be fortified with iron, nicotinic acid and thiamin (vitamin B1), as well as calcium."

Despite these additions, Dr Stephen Davies, medical director of Biolab, would only recommend wholegrain bread. He says: "White bread is what nutritionists call 'empty calories' because it has had 90 to 100 per cent of the goodness removed." He believes the fortification does little to repair the damage, especially when so many more trace elements, such as chromium, manganese, selenium, and vitamins B2, B5 and E, are lost.

As the bread market becomes ever more sophisticated, the basic recipe of flour, water, salt and yeast is endlessly extended. Sugar is often added to stimulate the appetite, and demerara sugar or caramel are used to give brown bread a rich dark colour. Today the bakers' repertoire runs to loaves with nuts, seeds, cheese, garlic, olives, raisins, sprouted wheat; or yeast-free, gluten-free, sugar-free recipes for sensitive stomachs.

This wide array is not only a welcome change for those fed up with white sliced "cardboard" bread, but a step forward for national nutrition. It is also a boon for those who wish to cut down on wheat or gluten (the protein in wheat). North American wheat tends to have a higher gluten content, which increases the elasticity of the dough and helps it rise well, but may not agree with everyone.

Nutrition expert Dr Alan Stewart considers bread a good food *if* you can take it. "However gluten intolerance is very common in northern Europe," he says. "Some of the hidden reactions to gluten include bloating, constipation, diarrhoea, migraines, eczema and asthma."

Some dietitians assert that too much flour, particularly white or refined, can cause difficulties with digestion and create mucus in the lungs, sinuses, nose and guts. Wheat is the most mucus-forming of all cereals, and is claimed to glue up the digestive tract. Others in the medical world reject this assertion.

Simon Brown, a macrobiotic expert at the Community Health Foundation, thinks all wholegrain loaves are nutritious. "I would particularly recommend natural-rise or sourdough breads, which are unyeasted. A lot of people find the yeast makes them bloated or gassy; wholemeal pitta is also good as it tends to have less yeast," he says. People with yeast disorders can opt for either sourdough, which is usually vegan and grown from its own culture, or soda bread, which tends to contain soured or buttermilk, with cream of tartar and bicarbonate of soda as the raising agents.

Recent years have seen a move towards the old-fashioned process of stonegrinding flour: this is better because the heat generated by high-speed milling can destroy many of the natural nutrients. It is worth noting that flour starts to oxidise once it is milled and can lose up to 80 per cent of its nutrients. So for home baking, use flour that is as fresh as possible, and when buying bread choose outlets with a high turnover.

By law, all loaves must carry a list of ingredients, and only those sold on the premises in which they are baked are exempt. So whether at the village shop or supermarket in-store bakery, consumers are free to ask for their recipes. Those who care about what's good for them, and which side their bread is buttered, should assert their right to know. In this way the baffling choice now on our bakers' shelf would really be the best thing since sliced bread.

ANNIE RANKIN

Where market forces are naturally better

Edward Platt goes shopping for organic food in the revitalised Spitalfields market in east London

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Right price: Victoria's Organic Foodstall, at Spitalfields, where organic vegetables cost no more than their supermarket equivalents

When Spitalfields market reopened in April, the old fruit and veg stalls had been replaced by artists' studios, indoor sports facilities, and the first organic food market in the country.

"Organic food has been the draw to Spitalfields, and got it going again," says Elizabeth Taylor, who runs the organic market. Since April it has doubled in size, and there are now 30 stalls grouped around the front entrance, selling vegetables, meat, dried goods, oils, dairy produce, bread, spices and marinades. There is organic coffee and wine, and a bewildering range of snacks — pecan pie, hot dogs, carrot cake, apple strudel, quiche, nut roast and lentil bake. It has been such a success that Ms Taylor's company, Organic Food Markets Ltd, opened another market in Altrincham, Greater Manchester, in September.

Her aim is to create outlets where organic food can be sold cheaply, and so help the organic movement to establish a niche in the market. The usual criticism of organic food is that it is very expensive, but she has priced a selection of vegetables from the market stalls at less than the price of their supermarket, non-organic equivalents. Crisp, fresh tomatoes are £1.49 a lb, and there is a wide choice of fruit and vegetables on offer at similarly reasonable prices. Organic meat is undeniably more expensive than its supermarket equivalent — but there is no doubt about the difference in quality.

Swaddles Green Farm, Somerset, sells a range of delicious sausages, including tomato and chilli, at £2.65 a lb, and tomato, basil and garlic at £2.75 a lb, and they are good value, even at the price. The *jambon cru* and oak-smoked ham and bacon is also excellent.

Stan and Christine Henderson of Leigh Farm, Devon, offer more exotic varieties of sausage — one stuffed with red cabbage, and another with apple, at £2.05 a lb — as well as home-cured hams and bacon. Jersey cream and farmhouse cheeses.

Both farms supply free-range poultry, and any cut of lamb, beef and pork that you can think of. There are three other meat stalls as well, and the range of choice and the quality of the meat on offer is a powerful incentive to make the trip to east London.

Westways Bakery sells a selection of fresh bread from Wales — olive and onion, sourdough rye, wholemeal, a plain but tasty seed bread, as well as a plain white loaf. Glynhynod Organic Farmers offers a comprehensive choice of farmhouse cheeses made with unpasteurised milk.

There are luxury foods, too — Rocombe Farm's award-winning and imaginative range of ice-cream is outstanding. It comes in many flavours, including vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, stem ginger, maple and walnut, and lemon meringue. Chestnut Bakery's exotic cakes — hazelnut and carrot, and carob and banana — and the coffee, truffle and chocolate cakes from Cherry Trees Farm are other treats worth looking out for.

Ms Taylor believes the reason for the market's success is simply that organic food is not available anywhere else in such quantities, at comparable prices. Given the range of produce on offer, she believes that there is no need to go to supermarkets any more. "Besides, I prefer markets as a way of shopping," she says. "I hate supermarkets. They are exhausting, especially with children."

But shopping at Spitalfields is a pleasure, for the three-acre site overflows with life and activity. There are 180 stalls, a skate park, a City Zoo, cafés, shops and restaurants. *A Quiet Afternoon in Cloud Cuckoo Valley*, a mechanical sculpture depicting a fantastic journey through the English countryside by the late Rowland Emett, cartoonist and designer of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, dominates one corner of the market.

Most importantly, Ms Taylor believes that her stall-holders "care about what they sell, and who they sell it to". Many of the farmers are members of the Soil Association, which ensures that rigorous standards are met in the farming and processing of organic food. Land must have been free from artificial fertilisers and chemical sprays for at least two years, and animals are reared without the use of hormones, additives or chemicals at any stage.

As Ms Taylor says, not only does the final product taste better, it is good for you as well. "You don't know what you're eating nowadays — there are so many chemicals in our food that our bodies have no equilibrium to work from. We're less able to fight our moods and our illnesses because of our diet," she says. Since she converted her husband and two children to organic food, she says they rarely fall ill.

"And it's not just a fad," she adds. "My husband says we've never eaten so well."

● *The organic food market, at Spitalfields Market, London E1, is open from 11am-3pm on Sundays. Some stalls will also be open on weekdays, 11am-3pm. For more information, contact Organic Food Markets Ltd (071-286 9204)*

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Pasta from oven to table

Frances Bissell conjures up satisfying and substantial dishes of baked pasta



THERE are few sights and smells as welcoming on a cold day as a steaming dish of baked pasta. Brought to the table in the earthenware pot in which it was cooked, it is a comfortingly simple combination of warm, tender wheat flour paste, cooked to perfection, and a sauce full of flavour, but not too much to overpower the delicate pasta.

It is not just our recent interest in the Mediterranean diet which has brought a variety of pasta dishes to our tables. Almost 150 years ago, Eliza Acton was writing in some detail about "maccaroni and other Italian pastes". Her description of *maccaroni à la reine*, in which the pasta is cooked and mixed with cheese melted in cream, seasoned with cayenne and nutmeg and topped with breadcrumbs, and fried golden in butter, is very close to our familiar macaroni cheese.

Macaroni cheese has much to recommend it: it is cheap, cheerful and easy to make. I include a recipe today. Since we now have a wide variety of cheeses to choose from, I have suggested four different ones for the dish. A single one will do, however, as a student, I used to make it with Edam.

The large pasta shapes are suitable for baked dishes because they keep their shape and texture better than the finer pastas. I usually keep in stock penne (quills), ziti (slightly curved, hollow shapes), and rigatoni (broader, curved, ridged tubes).

Pasta shells and snails can also be mixed with the sauce and baked. The larger sizes, such as lumaconi, can be stuffed like cannelloni which, together with lasagna, is probably the best known of the baked pasta dishes.

These pastas combine well with meat, fish or vegetables, used either as a filling or a sauce. One of my favourite lasagna dishes is made with seafood, a mixture of shellfish and firm, white fish, and I have also used this filling for cannelloni.

I like to make a vegetarian lasagna with the pasta layered with differently coloured vegetables, blanched baby leeks, red peppers, blanched and chopped spinach and tomato. I make the white sauce with ricotta and mozzarella.

I have adapted the first recipe from Nancy Verde Barr's delightful book, *We called it Macaroni* (Knopf, $23). It comes from Ischia in Italy, where the author's grandparents lived in the late 1800s before emigrating to America.

Oven-baked macaroni with aubergine

(serves 6-8)

2lb/900g aubergines

1-2tbsp salt

olive oil for frying

2tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 small onion, peeled and chopped

2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed

3lb/1.35k fresh tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped, or 3 cans plum tomatoes

salt

3tbsp shredded basil

1lb/455g short macaroni, such as ziti or penne

2oz/60g butter

4oz/110g freshly grated Parmesan cheese

½lb/230g fresh mozzarella, finely chopped or grated

Rinse but do not peel the aubergine. Cut into thin slices and place in a colander, salting each layer. Place a plate and a weight on top and let it drain for one hour. Rinse, pat dry and squeeze gently to remove excess liquid.

Put ¼in/0.5cm olive oil into a frying pan, and heat to very hot. Fry the aubergine slices, a layer at a time, turning to brown both sides. Drain on paper towel.

Gently fry the onion and garlic in the extra virgin olive oil until softened but not browned. Add the tomatoes and salt. Cook until the water has evaporated, about 30 minutes. Add the basil five minutes before cooking is finished. Taste for seasoning, and add a pinch of sugar if necessary.

Cook the macaroni in plenty of boiling, salted water. Drain when the macaroni is still firm, about 7 minutes. Mix with the butter and half the Parmesan cheese.

Pre-heat the oven to 180C/350F, gas mark 4. Spread a little of the tomato sauce on the bottom of an ovenproof fish. Layer the pasta, the aubergine, the mozzarella and the sauce until all the ingredients are used up, ending with one thin layer of aubergine. Sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan cheese, and bake for 40 minutes, or until lightly browned.

To drink with this dish: a full-bodied white or red wine from somewhere with sunshine.

Macaroni cheese

(serves 4-6)

1lb/455g ziti, macaroni, or penne

2tbsp fresh breadcrumbs

2oz/60g butter

½pt/280ml single cream, or thin bechamel

¼lb/110g ricotta, crumbled

1 mozzarella cheese, sliced and diced

3oz/85g fresh Parmesan, grated

3oz/85g Dolcelatte or Gorgonzola cheese

freshly ground black pepper

pinch of nutmeg

Cook the pasta for about ten minutes in boiling water and drain. Rinse and drain again. While the pasta is cooking, fry the breadcrumbs in half the butter, and put to one side.

Heat the cream or sauce in a saucepan, and stir in the cheese until melted. Season with pepper and nutmeg and stir into the pasta, together with the remaining butter. Pour into a buttered, ovenproof dish, scatter the breadcrumbs on top, and bake for 15-20 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4.

Alternatively, you can cook the pasta fully, drain it, and immediately mix it with the cream and melted cheese and remaining butter. Scatter the breadcrumbs on top, and finish under a hot grill for a few minutes.

To drink with this dish, I usually have a white wine, sometimes a red. It need not be Italian: try a Macon Superieur from the very good 1990 vintage at about £5 a bottle.

Seafood cannelloni with saffron sauce

(serves 4-6 as a first course, or 4 as a main course)

pinch of saffron

12 cannelloni tubes

1 onion, peeled and finely chopped

1 celery stalk, trimmed and finely chopped

2 or 3 garlic cloves, optional, peeled and crushed

2tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 can (495g) chopped tomatoes

Soak the saffron in 2-3tbsp boiling water. Cook the cannelloni in boiling water for about seven minutes. Carefully remove and place on a damp tea towel, not touching each other.

Make a tomato sauce by gently frying the onion, celery and garlic in the olive oil until transparent. Add the tomatoes, and simmer uncovered for 20-30 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare the filling for the cannelloni and the saffron sauce.

Saffron sauce

1oz/30g butter

1tbsp flour

¼pt/140ml milk, hot

¼pt/140ml fish stock, hot

⅛pt/70ml dry white wine

saffron in its liquid

salt, pepper

Make a roux with the flour and butter, and then gradually add the milk and stock, stirring continuously until you have a smooth, white sauce. Add the white wine and the saffron, and cook until the alcohol has evaporated and the flour no longer tastes raw. Cover and put to one side.

Fish filling

1lb/455g mussels

1lb/455g monkfish fillet

½lb/230g peeled prawns

½lb/230g queen scallops, trimmed and cleaned

Steam the mussels open and remove from their shells. Trim and skin the monkfish fillet and dice it. Put it in a sieve, or steamer, and steam for two minutes over the mussel liquor. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve into the saffron sauce. Put the fish and all the shellfish into a bowl and mix with slightly less than half of the sauce.

To assemble the dish, spread the tomato sauce in the bottom of an ovenproof dish. Spoon the fish into the cannelloni, and arrange these on the sauce. Spoon the remaining saffron sauce on top, and bake for 30-40 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4.

To drink with this dish, try a soft, fruity Italian white wine, such as Pinot Grigio.

If you want to serve something before baked pasta dishes, try a cooked vegetable, served just tepid in an oil and lemon juice dressing: mushrooms, broccoli or carrots, for example. A salad of mixed lettuce leaves will follow. Fresh fruit, in a fruit salad or sorbet, suggests itself as a suitably appealing ending to one of these substantial meals.

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Still fizzing 150 years on

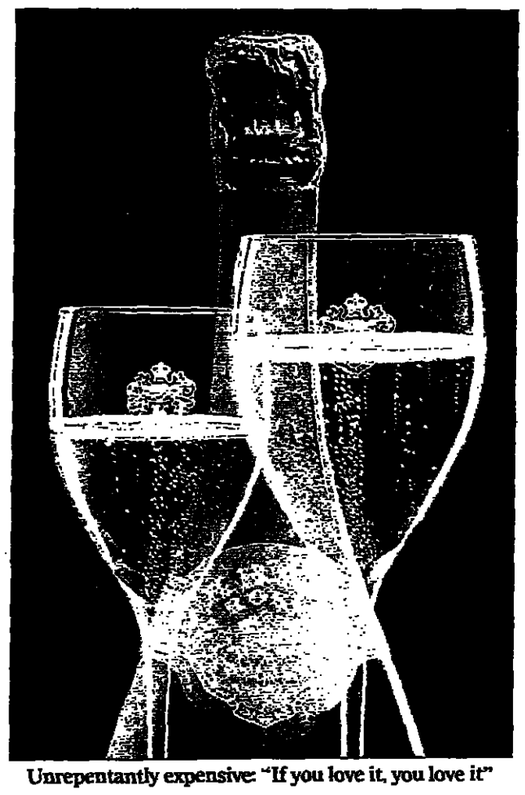
Jane MacQuitty celebrates a century and a half of Krug champagne

The 150th anniversary this year of the House of Krug is a champagne milestone worth noting. Other great champagne houses can claim an older pedigree: Veuve Clicquot founded in 1772, Roederer in 1776, and yet others have hung on to their family ownership, most notably Pol Roger and Taittinger; the Rémy-Cointreau group took an interest in Krug in 1970 and became the main shareholder in 1977.

Krug's 150 years stand for something more important in my book: an almost complete refusal to compromise or pander to modern champagne tastes. Krug, with its golden colour, hazelnutty bouquet and extraordinarily long, firm, full taste is the king of champagne. As Rémi Krug, one enthusiastic and exuberant half of the fifth generation in charge of the firm, puts it: "The Krug drinker is extremely loyal, and our major aim is to be equally loyal to him."

The "Krugistes", as the Krugs have dubbed their customers, may have had a worrying moment when the late, great Private Cuvée was replaced by the lighter and more chardonnay influenced Grande Cuvée, but the latter blend has now settled down to as great and memorable a champagne mouthful as the Private Cuvée ever was.

The great thing about Krug, just as it was in 1843 when Johann Joseph Krug from Mainz in Germany founded the firm at Reims, is the almost religious preservation of the taste. Remi Krug and his quieter elder brother, Henri, the firm's chairman and chief blender, had a lot to live up to when they took over from their father in 1977.



Unrepentantly expensive: "If you love it, you love it"

The Champenois, more than any other French wine producers, are acutely aware of the honour and responsibilities of passing on the vineyard holdings, wines and reputation intact and unsullied from one champagne generation to the next.

How the Krugs achieve greatness is reassuringly old-fashioned and time-consuming. In an era when automatic riddling — the process of shaking the sludgy, yeasty sediment produced by the second fermentation down on to the cork — has replaced hand riddling in most houses' wines, it is a relief to learn that Krug would never contemplate the former.

Other traditional Krug preoccupations include placing all its wines in wood for their first fermentation. With the exception of Alfred Gratien, no other champagne producer can be bothered with this now for all their wines.

Using only the first pressing is another Krug concern, as is keeping its handsome old cellars filled to the gunwales with reserve wine. Krug has an unparalleled six years' stock in its cellars, and this accounts greatly for the majestic, full-bodied Krug taste.

Krug's growing vineyard holdings, up from 16 hectares in recent years to more than 20 now, are increasingly becoming part of its no-compromise approach. About 20 per cent of Krug's 41,000 case total comes from its own vineyards' grapes. The most important and influential of these are the pinot noir vines grown at Ay, Ambonnay and Mareuil-sur-Ay plus chardonnay at Oger, le Mesnil-sur-Oger and Avize. Krug is also one of the few great champagne houses to rate the pinot meunier grape, pointing out that Clos du Mesnil is its only champagne without it. All this adds up to just four Krug styles, all of which the Krugs insist are prestige cuvées, in other words the finest Champagne can produce.

Top vintage Krug years, of which 1982 is undoubtedly one, take many years to show at their best — 20 preferably — and appear to remain at their zenith then for decades. Recently, the 1953 with its gentle mousse and deep, almost butterscotch flavours was still going strong.

The only grumble that any of us are likely to have when drinking Krug is the price. Rémi Krug knows that sacrifices have to be made by champagne drinkers if they want to drink Krug, but he is unrepentant: "Krug is a great wine that has a champagne character: if it is thought too expensive, what I say is, taste Krug; if you love it, you love it."

BEST BUYS

● **Krug Grande Cuvée:** *Victoria Wine £56, Majestic Wine Warehouses £59.99, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up £59.50 (half, £29.75).*
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● **Krug 1982 Vintage:** *Victoria Wine £69.99, Davisons £75.95, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up £69.95.*
A classic Krug vintage year, with every sign of being as great as its predecessors, and possibly close in style to the '53. Absolutely delicious, rich, ripe, bold buttery flavours stem from its blend of 54 per cent pinot noir to 30 per cent chardonnay and 16 per cent pinot meunier.

● **1982 Clos du Mesnil:** *Fortnum & Mason, Piccadilly, London W1, £165.*
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Staffordshire figures, long considered twee, tell stories that are far from quaint. **Sarah Jane Checkland** learns the gruesome truth

A violent history recorded in clay

Endearing, quaint, naïve: Staffordshire pottery figures offer the perfect finishing touch for the mantelpiece inclining towards the twee or picturesque. Or do they? As Alice discovered on passing through the looking-glass, appearances can be deceptive.

Apart from being the products of child labour — usually small girls, who worked long hours perfecting the rosebud lips and feathery eyebrows of the subjects — all too often the figures recorded incidents of great savagery.

Take that old favourite, a jug in the shape of a muzzled bear, rising to its haunches and waggling its tongue as it crushes a terrier between its forepaws. A fine example was fought over at Christie's last October, finally selling for £7,700. Another is the jolly bull-baiting group, in which a chained bull tosses a dog over his shoulder, on offer at Christie's forthcoming sale and estimated at £1,500 to £2,000.

Then there are the cheerful souvenirs of crime: a group commemorating an incident in 1866, when William Collier, a poacher, bludgeoned Thomas Smith, the gamekeeper, to death for interrupting his fun. The two are shown slapping each other on the back as a hound frolicks at their feet. The highwayman Dick Turpin is equally matey with his victim Tom King as they brandish their pistols.

Many of the miniature buildings with roses around the door are in fact the venues of crimes: Potash Farm, where one James Blomfield Rush murdered Isaac Jermy, recorder of Norwich, in 1848, and Stanfield Hall, the home of the ill-fated Mr Jermy.



Ghoulish delights: this pearlware jug and cover, dating from about 1820, fetched £7,700 at auction in October

Hundreds and thousands of Staffordshire earthenware figures were produced during the 19th century. During the heyday of the 1830s, major factories could have as many as eight ovens working continuously.

First, a model maker would produce the original sculpture, from which a mould for a given line would be taken. Often the modeller worked, it was recently discovered, from "penny plain, tuppence coloured" prints, which were produced by the thousand, containing images of the heroes of the moment. The list included members of the royal family, visiting American evangelists (Billy Graham was not the first), great cricketers and boxers, and that old faithful, "Mister Shakispear". The mould was then used to produce hundreds of duplicates, upon which the glazing and painting were done by children.

The delightful distortions and eccentricities came about because the modellers were not trained as artists and struggled to imbue the two-dimensional image from which they worked with three dimensional form. Hilarious mis-spellings also occur in the inscriptions. The figures were then sold on street corners or outside theatres. Because of a couple of scandals about fakes, and the prejudice against the figures among younger buyers, prices are low again today.

On Thursday, Christie's South Kensington sells the second instalment of the huge collection of the late Eric Thurlow, a civil servant in local government. This includes a bull-baiting group estimated at £1,500 to £2,000, a Turpin and King group at £120 to £180, and Smith and Collier at £300 to £500.



Two of a kind: this matching pair of dalmatians (above, left and right), dating from about 1840, is expected to fetch as much as £300 at Christie's on Thursday



Collector's friends: a pearlware group (above) of a spaniel sharing a basket with her offspring, dated about 1860 and estimated at between £250 and £350



Mantel piece: an elegant representation (right) of Hygeia, goddess of health, washing her hands. Dating from around 1800, this is estimated at £1,000 to £1,500



The books, the bite and the bona fides

● **Detecting fakes:** Originals usually have crisp moulding and close attention to detail, while in later copies details such as hair can come across as blocks of colour. Sometimes the crackelure, or cracked surface, which comes with age, has been painted on, line by line, appearing too regular. To detect cunning repairs, bite the suspect section gently. If it is spongy, it has probably been coated with a plastic putty, which has then been painted over. Watch out for "marriages": when the figure is authentic, but the surrounding foliage is new.

● **The appeal of imperfection:** Paul Tippett of Christie's says that a single breakage can halve the price of Staffordshire, and that some collectors look out for such pieces in order to make their money go further.

● **Books:** *Staffordshire Pottery* by Anthony Oliver, Heinemann 1981, readable and fun, with details of how the potteries operate. Out of print however, and must be tracked down in second-hand book shops.
Staffordshire Portrait Figures by P.D. Gordon Pugh, 1970, reprinted by the Antique Collectors Club 1992, £75: a good source book for the already committed, including brief histories of thousands of subjects and photographs.
English Earthenware Figures 1740 to 1840 by Pat Halfpenny, Antique Collectors Club, £35. A historical survey in which many accepted attributions are turned upside down by a curator at the Stoke-on-Trent museum.

● **Auction:** Eric Thurlow collection, Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581 7611), March 4.

● **Exhibition:** "Fine early English pottery", including massive Staffordshire figure of Hercules, Jonathan Horne Antiques, 66c Kensington Church Street, London W8 (071-221 5658).

● **Museums:** Victoria & Albert, London; Stoke-on-Trent City Museum and Gallery; Brighton Art Gallery & Museum

● **Courses:** A two-day general ceramics weekend will take place at the Feathers Hotel, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, on March 17 and 18. Attractions will include "Pirates and Porcelain", a background to the china trade; a lecture on oriental ceramics; and a visit to inspect the ceramics at Blenheim Palace. £165 residential; £115 non-residential. For information, contact Elizabeth Crompton-Batt, 071-240 4721.
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The irresistible pull of the bells

Helen Pickles sallies forth and explores the peal appeal of Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure

Forget all those comical cards of Friar Tuck shooting heavenwards on the end of a bell-rope. "It would go so fast you'd automatically let go," Elizabeth Dunford says. "The danger is more from loose rope flying about than you flying up." Bells have a safety mechanism, the stay, to prevent them spinning right round. Should the stay break (not unknown), the situation would literally be taken out of your hands. "In any argument the bell will win," Mrs Dunford says firmly. "Now, please uncross your legs," she adds, frowning at the toe of my right shoe.

I am sitting on a narrow bench around the edge of the bell-ringing chamber in the tower of St George's church in Newcastle. The bottom of the lady who is ringing No 6 bell is two inches from my nose, and my upturned foot is nicely poised to catch in the loop at the end of her bell-rope. Bell-ringers are extremely safety-conscious.



Going like the clappers: one of St George's finest

Before I was allowed to touch a rope, Mrs Dunford, a maths teacher and tower captain, took me "upstairs" to show me what I was dealing with. The eight bells and their bright red wheels (the rope turns the wheel, the bell suspended from its axle) hung huge and potent. "How much does he weigh?" I asked, pointing at the largest. "She". Mrs Dunford corrected, "weighs nearly a ton. She's called the tenor."

The secret of bell-ringing, she explained back downstairs, handing me the end of No 3 rope, is to let the bell do the work, using its own momentum. Mrs Dunford had already coaxed the bell into its correct, upside-down position. With each rope pull the bell swings full-circle until brought to rest by means of the stay, mouth upwards, ready to set off again in the reverse direction. Thus bell-ringing is no more than learning two pulls, the back-stroke and hand-stroke. Except that's rather like saying horse-riding is no more than learning to bounce up and down in a saddle. Rhythm and control is all.

"It takes two to three months for someone to get the rhythm and be good enough to be left on their own," said Mrs Dunford, standing beside me and correcting my hands on the rope — "too tight, too far apart" — my action on the back-stroke — "you're jerking" — my action on the hand-stroke — "you're holding on to the sally". The sally is the furry, stripy bit halfway up the rope which you pull and let go on the hand-stroke, and catch again at the end of the back-stroke, all the while holding the rope end.

Once I had got the rhythm, Mrs Dunford explained, I could start to ring "rounds" — that familiar "ting-ding-dang-dong" of bells ringing down the scale — then "simple changes", where adjacent bells swop places, progressing to "methods", where bells weave in and out of each other according to set patterns. Or what I call tunes. Their names, redolent of merrie England, sound like old-fashioned varieties of apples: Grandsire, Rutland Surprise, Kentish Delight, Oxford Bob. I particularly like Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

My introductory lesson is taking place before the regular Friday night group, or "local band", to use the vernacular, arrive, a motley collection of schoolchildren, young and middle-aged professionals. They practise Grandsire Triples, a method in which the first seven bells change order but the tenor is always rung last.

I am surprised how solemn everybody looks. I always imagined bell-ringers engaged in jolly gossip, Archers-style. "They're all watching the one immediately in front of them," explains Mrs Dunford. I try to do the same but, in my judgment, the bells upstairs could be rung by any one of the circle of eight below. I lack "ropesight", a quality, I gather, much to be desired. Instead, I become mesmerised by the sallies flying up and down through the little holes in the ceiling. "That's all!" calls a tall, thin man. "That was very scrappy," he frowns. "We'll do it again later."

Geoff White, the tall, thin man, an accountant and bell-ringer for 30 years, enjoys the camaraderie and the satisfaction when it goes well: "And it's a marvellous door-opener. You can wander into any belfry and be made welcome. Actually, I met my wife in a belfry — Clerkenwell in London." Campanology runs a very successful side-line in marriages. At least eight of the St George's group fell in love in belfries.



MIKE SCOTT

Hanging on for dear life: rhythm is all at St George's, Newcastle

Some bell-ringers leap at the chance to ring in another church. It's called "tower grabbing". They can be identified by their well-thumbed copies of R.H. Dove's *A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain*, whose list of over 5,500 churches they excitedly tick off. "Personally, I find the notion quite tedious. I liken it to train-spotting," remarks 24-year-old Lucy Armstrong, an investment banker.

Ms Armstrong began when she was ten "because everyone did in my village". Knowing nobody on her arrival in Newcastle, she joined her local band. "It is a very social activity. For me, it's complete relaxation."

Right now, Cambridge Surprise Major is taking its toll on Mrs Dunford's patience. "Places!" she shrieks. There's much flicking of eyes as everyone struggles to get themselves back into the pattern. "No! No! To rounds again," she cries despairingly.

"That's what's called a spirited attempt," says Mrs Dunford's husband, David, joining me on the bench. A British Gas section manager, he took up bell-ringing because it was the only way to find out which pub his wife had gone to after the practice session.

His wife is still expanding her repertoire. On Tuesday night she was down at the cathedral ringing on 12 bells, and last year she notched up 25 peals. A peal is the campanologist's equivalent of a marathon. It involves a minimum 5,000 changes, with the bells' order never once repeated, and lasts around three hours. They are considered quite something and *The Ringing World*, the bell-ringers' weekly journal, devotes several pages to peal reports.

It's nearing 9.30 and there's a furtive restlessness in the tower. The pub beckons. Mrs Dunford, however, is determined to crack Cambridge Surprise before letting us go. "David, will you stand up if you're ringing." She cries imperiously. David obediently stands up. A hush descends as, once more, Cambridge Surprise rings out over the darkened surburban rooftops.

Complaints, I gather, are rare, although Mrs Dunford cautions against attempting too many peals. One way to exorcise surplus bellringing energy is to arrange a ringing outing, where a day or weekend is spent visiting churches. "It's good experience," explains Mrs Dunford. "Every bell is different. Some are nice and smooth, others are like old buckets."

This prompts reminiscences. Mrs D once "rang a lovely tower at Norton". Mr D, who dislikes heights, recalls the rooftop walk involved in getting to the ringing chamber at St Matthew's. "But there was a lovely view of Newcastle brewery."

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MY PERFECT WEEKEND

ELIZABETH JENNINGS

Poet



Where would you go?
To Rome. Ideally I'd like everything to be as it was in 1957, when I went there for the first time. I won the Somerset Maugham Award for my second book, and was given £400 on the condition that I spent three months abroad studying the manners and customs of "a foreign people". It was a wonderful prize, and everything was so cheap then: I came back with £80.

How would you get there?
By plane.

Where would you stay?
At a reasonably priced hotel in the centre of Rome near Santa Maria Maggiore.

Who would be your perfect companion?
I would like to be alone to wander wherever I wished, and to eat, drink and sleep at my hours.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
A thick sweater, even in summer.

What medicines would accompany you?
Dettol and Elastoplast (in case my shoes rubbed the backs of my heels), indigestion tablets and paracetamol.

What would you have to eat?
Pasta of every kind, soups, *pollo alla diavola* (roast chicken), salad, asparagus and good ice-cream.

What would you have to drink?
Chianti, red and white, Campari soda, Asti Spumante, Valpolicella, and a Negroni at the Cafe Greco in the Via Condotti.

Which books would you take to read?
A guide to Rome and *The Oxford Book of Travel Verse*.

What music would you listen to?
If it were early July I would go to any opera in the Caracalla Baths. I particularly like Puccini's *Turandot*.

What film would you watch?
A new Italian film, but only if it were raining.

Would you play any games or sport?
No, but I am a good walker.

What luxury would you take?
If a note-book is a luxury, I would take one in case I wanted to write. I would buy some good scent duty free. I used to like "Worth".

What piece of art would you like to look at?
The Raphael Rooms in the Vatican and Caravaggio's "Narcissus" in the Rome National Gallery. It was the first Caravaggio painting I ever saw and I was very impressed.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Ideally, no English people, because I'd like to try to speak Italian.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The Sunday Times and *The Observer*. I don't know what it's like now, but you used to be able to get the British Sunday papers at Rome railway station.

What three things would you leave behind?
Anything to do with income tax, bank statements and rain.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Go to the Aventino Hill and see Santa Sabina, the mother church of the Dominicans. It is a beautiful, very simple church. 2. Visit Sant'Anselmo, the mother church of the Benedictines, which is also on the Aventino Hill, above Santa Sabina. The singing at Sant'Anselmo is beautiful on Sundays. 3. See the Sistine Chapel when no one else is in it. Ideally, I'd liked to lie on my back with a pair of binoculars, but I don't suppose I'd be allowed to.

Who would you send a postcard to?
On a weekend, nobody. On holidays, I send lots. But I would buy many to use in England.

What souvenir would you bring home.
A few little bottles of Campari soda.

What would you like to find when you got home?
A lot of friendly mail and some unexpected cheques.

Interview by Rosanna Greenstreet

St Francis's church, west London, welcomes a multitude of ethnic groups

Uniting nations



OFFERING succour to those exhausted by the competitiveness of London life, the community centre of St Francis of Assisi is built on the spot in Notting Hill, west London, where the stables of London's Hippodrome race course once stood. There was standing room only for those who did not arrive early for our 11.30 mass, and those of us who found a seat were squeezed shoulder-to-shoulder in the wooden pews.

The success of the Roman Catholic church of St Francis in offering spiritual nourishment to its parishioners is evident from the growing numbers. Since Fr Oliver McTernan arrived in 1981, Sunday attendance has leapt from about 350 to more than 1,100. The pews were designed to seat about 200.

The parish was founded in 1859 by the Oblates of St Charles, an institute of secular priests disbanded in 1969. The Oblates were themselves founded by Dr Henry Edward Manning, an Anglican clergyman who converted to Catholicism and eventually became Archbishop of Westminster. The first priest at St Francis was Fr Henry Rawes, also a former Anglican clergyman who went over to Rome.

The parish grew out of a mission founded in west London in the mid-19th century by Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman, then Archbishop of Westminster, who identified a "heaven-sent" opportunity to make the area a centre for the large number of Anglican clergy converting to Rome as a result of the Oxford Movement. But if the many Anglo-Catholic opponents of women priests in the Church of England today were to visit this parish in their search for a new spiritual home, they could end by judging themselves, as many others judge them, "more Roman than the Romans".

Fr McTernan uses non-sexist "inclusive" language, avoiding the word "men" where possible. In the Creed, "for us men and our salvation" became "for us and our salvation". He said afterwards: "I think it is important, because some women feel very strongly, and why alienate them unnecessarily?" Women delivered the readings from the Old and New Testament, and a woman led us in the psalm.



Feeding the human flock: Fr Oliver McTernan ministers to his Filipino congregation

Fr McTernan regrets the Church of England's decision to ordain women priests, taken at the General Synod last year. He said: "I think it is a very difficult issue and one that won't go away. I would have preferred the Anglican church to wait for a decision by the universal church."

I was at the monthly Filipino mass, a colourful celebration for London's several thousand immigrants from the Philippines. The Filipino association, which occupies one of the church buildings, organised the readings, and we sang hymns in Tagalog, their language. They are one of the largest groups among the 64 nationalities who attend St Francis nearly every week and who live within the geographical boundaries of the parish.

The freedom and joy which were almost tangible at St Francis gave an initial false impression of liberalism. In fact, this church could not be more Catholic in its spirituality, and I was reminded of this when Fr McTernan censed the altar, the cross and the congregation with the thurible, a brass casket containing burning incense and swung on a chain. This was a Catholic act of reverence preparing for the liturgical celebration, a way of focusing the mind on the sacred.

Fr McTernan preached in the aisle, striding around and achieving eye contact with as many of us as possible. His sermon was based on the Christian vocation, and the journey to faith. "The purpose of life is not to be seen in terms of what we have around us. It is not a question of accumulating what we can in this world. Christians have an indispensable role in relation to the world. We cannot be aloof. We cannot be indifferent."

Afterwards, as we took tea in the community centre, something more exotic filtered through to us, with sounds of Africa and hints of a stronger incense. The church had been taken over by London's Eritreans for their own weekly mass, the *Gheez* rite.

Fr McTernan removed his dog collar and chatted with his copious flock, and I would not have been surprised to see swans, geese and ducks fly in to join the hungry people eating bread and biscuits at this unsparing table of St Francis.

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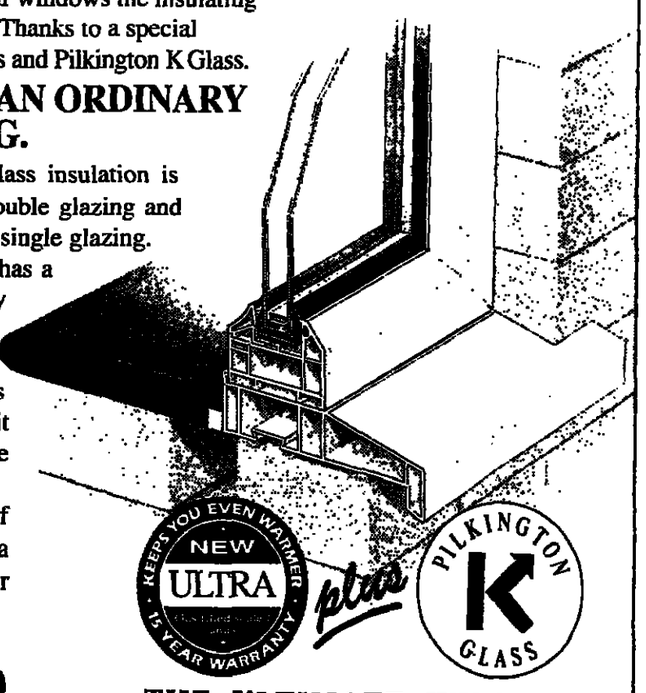
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The International Spring Gardening Fair offers a chance to examine innovatory equipment. **Francesca Greenoak** picks the winners

Weeding out the gimmicks from a garden of gadgets

I pride myself on a down-to-earth attitude towards garden equipment, but confronted with the contents of my garden shed during a recent spring-clean, I was forced to recognise how much was completely surplus to any reasonable requirement.

Hardening my heart against gadgets which might come in handy one day, or which I had not actually used in the last three years, I set about revision. Out went all the bent hand tools in favour of one strong, narrow weeding trowel, and from the rest, I kept one fork, a spade, the best secateurs, and my favourite tilthing hoe.

I have been quite converted to multi-head tools over the past few years, especially for items you use rarely or seasonally, such as fruit pickers. The Wolf range makes use of a seat-belt clasp mechanism, which in my garden has stood up to the hardest use. These clunk-click tool-heads include unusual and really useful items such as a wicked looking three-pronged grubbing tool, and a garden scraper which is invaluable for getting at the weeds in a brick path. They also take up very little room when stored.

Indispensable power tools include mowers and hedge-trimmers, which have made it possible for busy people to care for large gardens with lots of lawn and hedge. Following a well-tried formula, this spring I shall give my most unevenly edged flower bed an edging of brick. By this means I shall be able to run the mower right to the edge of the lawn, the plants can spill over, and I shall have a neat edge all year through without having to mend and repair and go over it with edging shears.

I have found the cordless, battery-operated hedge-trimmers light and efficient to use, except when the hedge has become overgrown. If the twigs have become woody, the extension lead and circuit-breaker are brought out, and the more powerful electric hedge-cutters brought into action.

I have had doubts about shredders, wondering whether electricity consumption and noise pollution outweigh the benefits of turning garden rubbish into compost. However, used responsibly, I believe the balance lies in their favour. My own composting trials show that shredded material makes for a better textured, more rapidly heated, and more quickly made compost. I have used a number of electrically powered shredders, but have only just tried out a Barrus petrol-powered model. It is large and loud, and it dealt with all the prunings I could give with roaring, hungry efficiency.

When shredding, I wore a new style of gloves from Felco, which turned out to be the first gardening gloves to rival the industrial ones I generally prefer. I found them flexible and comfortable as well as impervious to normal handling of rose and hawthorn prunings, but I would wear my usual ones for more delicate work, such as repotting.

This year has brought several innovations in seed and potting composts. My current favourite is the ICI coir compost, which Kew tested comprehensively, but there are several new ones also based on recycled products which should be worth investigating.

High-tech gardeners, such as the neighbour to whom I bequeath most of my gadgetry, can now use a computer to control their watering system, instructing it to spray or drip while they are at work or away on holiday. Loyal to the hose, I like to do the rounds, inspecting progress and modifying the requirements of individual plants, but I am keen on innovations such as the hose-end feeder, which can be clipped to the end of the hose and will feed in, for example, liquid sea-weed, in the correct dilution. Adjustable hose-end sprayers which enable you to fine-spray seedlings or direct a strong jet at the roots of shrubs are also useful, as is the new storage reel from Hozelock with its sensible hose guide.

Because we live on the outskirts of a village, with one solitary street lamp, it seems inconceivable that we could ever have done without garden lighting. It is not only safer but more welcoming to come home to a glimmering trail of lights, beckoning to the house. There are now a number of good, reasonably-priced systems which can be used to illuminate paths or to draw attention to special trees or shrubs. Most come equipped with a transformer and can be set up quite easily without specialist knowledge.

I consider specialist ground and plant coverings among the most useful transferences from the horticultural trade to gardening practice. The lightweight spun fleeces have transformed the appearance and quality of my winter vegetables and salads. I also use them to protect seedlings from birds, cats, and insect predators.

There are always new things to try and, no doubt, I shall accrue a good deal more detritus as the months go by, but it is worth it for the things which turn out to be really useful to have at hand.

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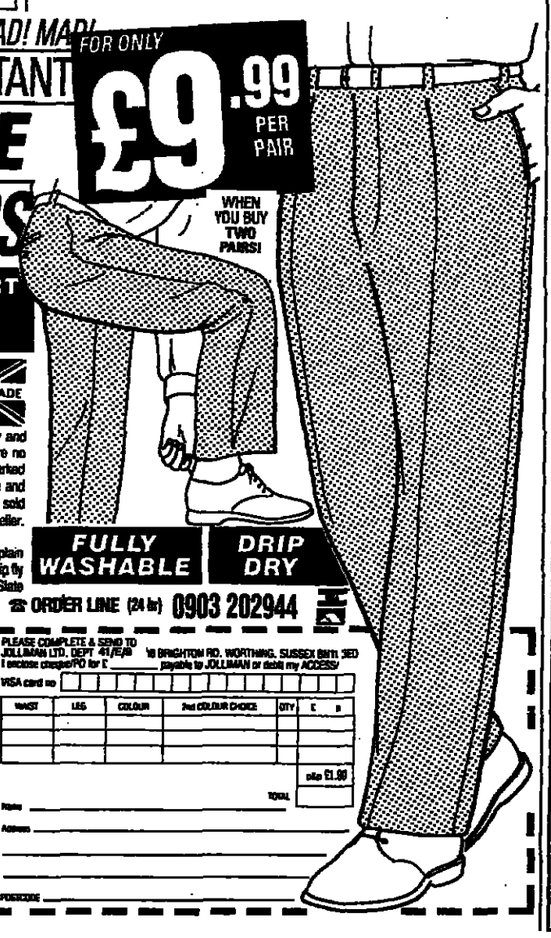
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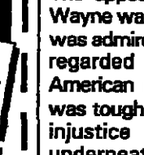
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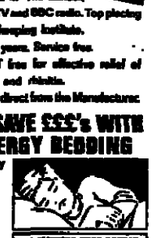
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ROCK RECORDS: Sting's polished new album offers an unexpected display of levity, writes **David Sinclair**

Even as a pop pin-up with the Police, **Sting** was a curiously earnest character. Since then his reputation as a deep thinker and do-gooder has grown unchecked. Add the heavy burden of personal loss expressed on his last album, *The Soul Cages*, and the result was a dreary musical portrait of the artist in middle-age looking for answers among the tombstones.

Now, belatedly, Sting is making a concerted effort to prick the bubble of his own pomposity. In recent interviews he has shown evidence of a sense of humour and, indeed, seriously undermined his New Man credentials by engaging in some gratuitously vulgar repartee with Bob Geldof in a feature for *Q* magazine.

All of which has paved the way for his latest album, *Ten Summoner's Tales*, a 12-track collection which combines the usual consummate musicianship with some unbelievably crusty jokes. The central conceit of the album is an attempt to echo the humorous and sometimes bawdy spirit of Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*. The title is a play on Sting's real name, Gordon Sumner.

It is difficult to gauge the irony in the cover artwork, which portrays Sting as a travelling medieval minstrel complete with horse, lute and ye olde rock star shades, but the comedy in many of the songs is quite explicit. "Love is Stronger than Justice (The Munificent Seven)" welds a twanging guitar verse to a mock country chorus and adds a farcical ending to the old cowboy story of the Magnificent Seven: "Seven Days", with its weird neo-symphonic arrangement, is a playful tale of rivalry for a maiden's hand ("The fact he's over six feet ten / Might instil fear in other men"); and "Saint Augustine in Hell", a busy jazz-funk groove, incorporates a parody of the theme for the Hamlet cigar commercial with the Devil (voice-over by David Foxxe) proclaiming hell to be a homely place, full of barristers, certified accountants and music critics. Ho ho.

The trouble is that even when he is trying to be funny, Sting still sounds both scholarly and, it must be said, faintly pretentious. The schoolteacher in him will not let go. But at least such attempts at levity draw him out of his introspective shell, and the album is all the better for that.

Amid a deluge of odd arrangements and awkward time-signatures, all handled with casual aplomb by a nucleus of guitarist Dominic Miller, keyboard player David Sancious, drummer Vinnie Colaiuta, and Sting on bass, it is the simpler tracks which are most effective: the slinky R'n'B thud of "Heavy Cloud No Rain", the gentle drift of last year's single "It's Probably Me", featuring Eric Clapton, the educated melancholia of "Shape of My Heart", gilded by Larry Adler's graceful harmonica, and best of all "Fields of Gold", a highly evocative tune with a Celtic lilt.

Overall, it is an album with a strange, offbeat charm, which finds Sting with a new spring in his step.

Those fortunate enough to have witnessed one of **Eric Clapton**'s extraordinary "rhythm and blues" shows this week at the Albert Hall (where he is in residence until March 7) may be inspired to investigate *Chess Blues*, a new, four-disc, boxed-set compilation featuring some of the finest blues recordings made on the Chess label in the years 1947-1967.

Among the 101 tracks are a handful which featured in Clapton's show. But delightful as Clapton was, there is a magic in these original deep blues recordings that will never be recaptured. These performances by such luminaries as Muddy Waters, Jimmy Rogers, John Lee Hooker, Albert King, Buddy Guy and many others, are the foundation on which the edifice of rock was built.



Stung? Hurt by accusations of solemnity, the former Police lead singer is showing a sense of humour

DANCE: Brum's beauty revived

Wide awake, looking good

PETER WRIGHT'S production of *The Sleeping Beauty* for Birmingham Royal Ballet builds up conflict between good and evil by developing the characters of Carabosse and the Lilac Fairy and extending their confrontations right through to the reawakening of Aurora by Florimund's kiss.

This week's revival offers some impressive performances in those roles. Marion Tait, who used to be the company's first choice for Aurora, now brings her exceptional warmth and quiet authority to the good fairy, and as Carabosse I saw two commanding interpretations, starkly contrasted but equally convincing: the bitter malevolence of Chenca Williams and the sly wickedness of David Yow.

By coincidence, the Auroras over whose fate they respectively battle are both of Japanese origin: BRB's own Miyako Yoshida and a guest star, Yoko Ichino, who was born in Los Angeles and has been a leading dancer in America, Canada and Germany.

Both dance with exemplary virtuosity and musical timing. Yoshida is the more perfectly proportioned and glittering, Ichino the deeper in interpretation, making a beautifully clear though delicately stated development of the mood of each successive dance.

Ichino's partner was another guest, the Canadian David Nixon (her husband). He uses his powerful, secure technical strength lightly, and covers space with a freedom which the company's own dancers would do well to copy: too many of them tend to hug the centre of the stage (this is true even of the otherwise admirably improving Kevin O'Hare, who partnered Yoshida). Both of the men act well, Nixon with the more assured clarity and projection.

Sleeping Beauty
Birmingham Hippodrome

The supporting performances, however, vary in quality rather too much for comfort at present. Among those who stand out best are Simone Clarke in several different appearances, and Anne Little in her first-act solo. David Dawson makes an unusually elegant, stylish Bluebird, with beautiful feet, but could do with a little more jump in his *pas de chat*.

Philip Ellis gets sharp, clean playing and reliable tempos from the Royal Ballet Sinfonia, although a little more passion and voluptuousness would not come amiss.

The production, with Philip Prowse's gold settings and colourfully ornate costumes, is nine years old, but was built to last and wears well.

There are details one could argue about: the omission of the knitting women at the beginning of the first act, for instance, or the playing of the Prince's aide, Gallison, as a ninny — this character was better handled in an earlier production by Wright in The Netherlands. And although Wright obviously needed to rechoreograph the Garland Dance (the original version needs large numbers), I think it would have been better kept entirely as an ensemble for contrast with what follows, rather than succumbing to the modern craze for more and more steps by putting in show-off passages for the men.

But these are small points: the Birmingham Hippodrome and West Midlands County Council, who have been the production's godmothers, can certainly be pleased with their far-sighted investment (made before the company settled in Birmingham) and will have cause for pride when this *Sleeping Beauty* comes to Covent Garden in the summer.

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THEATRE: Rediscovering an Italian master and a Restoration mistress

Twin set with too few pearls

The Venetian Twins
Playhouse, Oxford

ALTHOUGH regarded as a genius in his own country, Carlo Goldoni has largely been ignored in ours, except for a tiny fraction of his enormous output. *The Servant of Two Masters* and *Mirandolina* are regularly performed (a production of the latter opens next week at the Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh), and the National Theatre presented three of his plays under the title *Countrymania* in 1987.

In this respect, the citizens of Glasgow are more fortunate, because Robert David MacDonald has translated at least ten of his plays for the Citizen's Theatre. He is on record as saying he would like to translate one a year until he drops, and it is his version that the Oxford Stage Company employs for its touring production, by Mark Brickman, of *The Venetian Twins*.

The trouble with the play for an English-speaking audience is that *The Comedy of Errors* stands in the way. The plot of twins causing crises of identification for their servants and women folk goes back to Plautus, but Shakespeare trumped the original by adding twin servants. Goldoni restricts himself to one set of twins, but introduces, with some courage, a darker tone at the end when he kills off two main characters. Fortunately he doesn't kill both twins, but the death of one after drinking wine spiked with jewel polish certainly solves the problem of a recognition scene between the long-lost brothers. A servant, a friend, a prospective father-in-law and finally the surviving twin disappear one after another into the inn where the corpse has been conveyed, utter cries of astonishment and emerge backwards.

A long-lost sister also figures in the plot, abducted by robbers who killed her mother "where three roads meet", one of several droll allusions MacDonald puts into his characters' mouths. There is never much doubt which of the two women pursuing the brothers will turn out to be their sister, but surprises of plot are not the play's concern. Goldoni tosses the ball of mistaken identity into a context of rivalry for marriage partners and sees how often he can make it bounce.

Peter Jordan plays both twins. The one from Bergamo, evidently regarded by the Venetian author as a hick town inhabited by numbskulls, is not much of a character. He is a simpleton, and though Jordan makes his grating love-song an amusing episode, there is not much else he can do. Brickman's production looks to unfunny exaggeration to get things moving, but it is when Jordan plays the dashing Venetian brother that the comedy starts to work. Watch and relish his expressive hands when he mistakes his twin's affectionate fiancée (Lucy Briers) for a courtesan.

The production is delightful at such times, elsewhere less so than I had hoped, although Clive Kneller's obsequious villain is beguilingly macabre and absurd, dressed in a cut-away frock-coat that makes him resemble an amorous black beetle.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Lucy Briers as Rosaura: fiancée mistaken for a courtesan

Oh for the life of a lady

The Artifice
Orange Tree, Richmond

SUSANNAH CENTLIVRE had a picaresque and liberated life nearly 300 years ago which in the matter of self-fulfilment compares favourably with that of any woman playwright today. She roamed England as a teenage vagabond, had a husband killed in a duel, attended an all-male university disguised as a boy, had affairs with men of letters and incurred official displeasure for indecency and political audacity.

She outlived the Stuarts and survived into the Hanoverian era, but *The Artifice* is essentially a Restoration comedy with a dash of the down-to-earth satire on middle-class social pretensions that lingers on in British sitcoms.

The trouble is that in Sam Walters' production it emerges as diffuse and shapeless. The romantic leads are sketchy: penniless young squire disinherited in favour of immoral brother loves daughter of ruthless money-grabber (described as "a heap of muck and immorality"). The nasties are actually more intriguing than their virtuous relations. Lecherous Ned Freeman is a convincing portrayal of sexual selfishness: Sir Philip Moneylove barters his daughter and uses other people's generosity as a pretext for cutting back on his own.

The secondary couple steal the limelight more through the length of their scenes together than from any intrinsic vitality in the writing. Pursuing a wealthy widow, a young officer disguises himself as a cloddish footman in her household. Auriol Smith makes the woman's obsession with gentility both funny and touching. Ambition and inadequacy are summed up in the ineffectual swipes of the fan that she aims at her cheerfully ungenteel servants.

Anyone seeking the dawn of modern feminism will be disappointed. Rambling and untidily constructed, the play was Centlivre's last, and too often it lapses into mechanical convention. A welcome toughness occasionally shines through, but the final message, "every man cheats in his way: he is only honest who is not discovered", is jaundiced beyond the call of satire. The author seems to accept her characters' least agreeable views.

In another sub-plot Caroline Gruber's jealously guarded country wife evokes Wycherley: she deserves a go at the real thing.

MARTIN HOYLE

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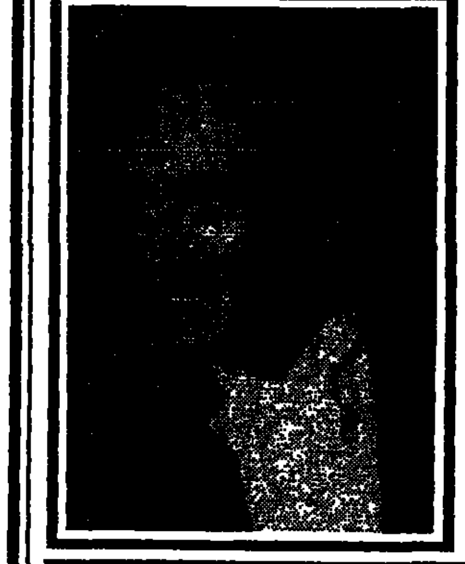
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My first headmistress was a flamboyant *grande dame* figure who wore floating cheesecloth dresses, dazzling strings of beads, and caused parents to frown. Unfortunately, she stood on a rake which sprang up and hit her on the head and she died instantly. The pupils were mortified, the parents somewhat relieved.

As if to compensate, the governors chose as her successor a dour woman who wore hairy tweed skirts and twinsets. The school was terrified of her, and she did not exactly elicit our admiration: she had obviously never smoked behind a bike shed or learnt to walk in stilettos, and she was not exactly a symbol of what we were aspiring to become (which, for most of us, was enigmatic actresses with jutting cheekbones).

Choosing a headmistress's wardrobe is a tricky feat, as I found out when my mother became a headmistress (of Fairley House) four years ago. Pupils rarely want their headmistress to be dowdy, especially once they reach their teens. If you are lecturing your pupils on how to be career successes, you have to look like one yourself.

But parents do not want their headmistress to look too sexy or too glamorous. (Couldn't the money for that outfit from Dior be better spent on more textbooks?) Prospective parents look for chic respectability and reliability. Even established parents do not want to be greeted by see-through Vivienne Westwood at parents' evenings.

The staff also expect the headmistress to give them a lead. If the headmistress's hem creeps above the knee, then the junior staff can go a little further: if not, beware. Then again, a headmistress cannot be seen in assembly wearing the same outfit as the chemistry teacher, especially if the latter is a stunning young blonde. So you can't just dress from Marks & Spencer.

Outfits must be fluid enough to run after errant pupils but not so loose that the boys can look up them as the headmistress is striding upstairs. Nor must they be too figure hugging, even if she is svelte: children can be very critical. Shoes need to be sensible but not frumpy. Biker boots and clogs are going a little far.

The headmistress, while not needing to wear all the latest trends, should be well-briefed on them so that she is not perturbed when the entire school starts looking as though it has not washed its hair for six months: she knows that it is merely the "grunge" phase, and that it will pass.

Frederika Blair Turner has been headmistress of Wetherbys School, London, a private pre-prep school with 150 boys aged four to eight, for nine years. "Even as a headmistress, clothes can be a form of self-expression," she says. "I used to teach art and I love fabrics and colour. I wear bright and comfortable clothes, but it is also important to create an air of authority and be tidy. I have to set an example."

In the course of a day, Maggie Pringle, the headmistress of Holland Park School, a comprehensive in west London, has to cope with pupils, councillors, parents, foreign visitors and accountants. Ms Pringle, who can walk in pencil-thin stilettos and wears a natty blue interview suit, says: "You are trying to create an image that won't jar with the expectations of the people you meet, and you also have to remember that you are representing the school. When pupils say, 'You look nice Miss' or 'I like your hair', I usually move swiftly on, because I do not want them to become obsessed by looks — but I love it."

There are 1,500 pupils at Holland Park, and among them they speak 55 languages. Ms Pringle says: "It is easier for pupils not to wear uniform. They tend to prefer sloppy clothes, but it always amuses me when they go off to do work experience and start wearing suits. I think most children realise that there have to be different looks for different occasions."

Patience Thomson, the principal of Fairley House School, London, a primary school for children with specific learning difficulties, says: "You can't look anonymous, but you can't be too ostentious either, so I tend to wear bright-coloured clothes that are elegant but practical and do not crease. I do not like mumsy gathered skirts. I never wear trousers, because they look terrible as I'm retreating down a corridor, but I love hats and the children love bright jewellery and beads."

Ms Pringle loathes shopping and tends to buy everything from mail-order catalogues. At 6ft 2in tall, Miss Blair Turner buys many of her clothes from Long Tall Sally. Mrs Thomson's clothes come from Paddy Campbell, Viyella and Paul Costello, and she says: "I shop in the holidays, and I only like shops where the assistants concentrate on you and do not go away halfway through, because my shopping has to be done fast."

With more regulations to contend with than their pupils, weekends are a relief. But what does the headmistress wear in her spare time?

"At weekends, I tend to wear impulse buys I have bought with my children: leggings, sloppy jumpers, polo necks and T-shirts from Boules, Jigsaw or French Connection — nothing expensive," Mrs Thomson says. "My husband often buys me clothes when he is abroad, but the longer he is away the more I seem to shrink in his imagination and the more petite the clothes get."

"I can't see myself in leggings," Ms Pringle says. "I always feel most comfortable in smart clothes."

Miss Blair Turner spends most of her spare time in oilskins, sailing round Britain, but when ashore she wears clothes from Greenwich market and Rodier, festoons herself in silver beads and bangles and wears swirling patterned leggings. "People expect time to have stood still and headmistresses still to be frumpy old dragons, but that has all changed," she says.

My mother always told me, when I was called in to see my daunting headmistress for some misdemeanour, to think of her in her swimsuit and then at least I would relax. I assume she has not passed this piece of advice on to her pupils — but for their information, she wears a black and white polka dot bikini, an impulse buy from a sale.









ABOVE

Maggie Pringle (left) wears black trousers and cardigan, Jake's catalogue, 176 Kennington Park Road SE11 4BT; earrings made by an art teacher at Holland Park School. Patience Thomson (centre) wears grey cap, Jigsaw, 31 Brompton Road London SW3 and branches; jumper, French Connection, 170 Kensington High Street, London W8; grey leggings, Boules, 118 Oxford Street, London W1; grey polo neck, Benetton, 23 Brompton Road, London SW3 and branches. Frederika Blair Turner wears leggings, Long Tall Sally, Chiltern Street, London W1; T-shirt, Greenwich market; mauve jacket, Rodier, 126 Brompton Road, London SW3; Italian pleated scarf (a present); earrings and bracelet from Camden Lock; black boots, Crispins, 28 Chiltern Street, London W1.

LEFT

Maggie Pringle wears suit from Jake's catalogue (as above).

RIGHT

Frederika Blair Turner wears suit, Nicole Farhi, 193 Sloane Street, SW1; shoes, Crispins (as above); earrings, Portobello Green.

BELOW LEFT

Patience Thomson wears checked jacket and mustard skirt, Viyella, 87 Brompton Road, London SW1; cream body, Paddy Campbell, 17 Beauchamp Place, London SW3; (amber beads were her great grandmother's)

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Running muddy rings round the country

Steven Downes celebrates today's cross-country championships in north London

Mud, toil, tears and sweat, that's all today's English national cross-country championships have to offer. It is the most basic, primeval of sports: running through woods and across grassland is what we were designed for. And the "National" is still the largest event of its type in the world.

Running around Parliament Hill Fields, north London, in this afternoon's senior race will be *real* runners — not the Lycra-clad style victims so common since the marathon boom, but clubmen who race week in, week out, whose leg muscles have been hardened by hundreds of training miles run through the dark, dank winter months, often with today's race as their only goal.

For these runners, the National is a rite of spring, marking the end of the season. And by taking place at Parliament Hill, the race is returning to the sport's cathedral, the Stonehenge of cross-country.

The classic three-mile lap provides the complete test of the cross-country runner: the stampede up the hill at the start, the rush to the narrow crossing at the first ditch, more climbing through the trees towards Kenwood, then a scamper downhill, across the cloying turf, into more boggy ground, where the mud makes you feel as if you are running for a bus with your trousers around your ankles.

Then another couple of climbs on the way back towards a tumbling downhill run to the Lido, where it will all start again: in the senior race, the course must be covered three times to complete the nine-mile stamina test. This year's course has had to be adapted because of works being carried out near Kenwood, but the fact that it is back at Parliament Hill should be enough for most purists.

The National was first staged in 1876, as a drawing together of the various harrier-type clubs who had popularised "paper chases" in public schools and at rowing clubs. It was an inauspicious start: all 32 runners went off course and the race was declared void. Since then, the National has been won by many of the greats of British distance running: W. G. George, Alf Shrubb, Jack Holden, Sydney Wooderson, Gordon Pirie, Ron Hill, Dave Bedford. However, the measure of the event's greatness is really in the people who have tried but *never* won a senior National — track world record-breakers Moorcroft, Ovett and Cram among the most recent of the also-rans.

Today, 3,172 runners from 350 clubs are entered for the senior race at 2.50pm; last week, for the women's National at Luton, more than 3,000 were entered for races in four age groups. These are the culmination of a winter-long series of championships at county and area levels, and local leagues throughout the country, where team results — based on the finishing positions of a set number of runners — are of primary importance.

Yet in today's era of big-money athletics, the National is something of an anachronism: no television, little sponsorship. Only support from the Corporation of the City of London, the custodians of the heath, has made possible the return to Parliament Hill, after a gap of 12 years. Even so, most of the top runners will be missing: having run in a trial event three weeks ago, they are now saving themselves for next month's world championships in Spain. All the glitz of the boom in athletics in the 1980s has bypassed the National. To an extent, that is what cross-country people love about it: grass-roots athletics, literally.

Stan Allen is a member of Herne Hill Harriers, a club which has been sending teams to the National for most of the club's 104-year history. Legend has it that Mr Allen has been part of most of them, although he maintains he has been going to the National only since 1956.

He has run in 21, and seen athletes he coaches compete in the others. For Mr Allen, there is no doubt: "Parliament Hill is the best cross-country course there is. It's got everything you'd want." It is also a great course for spectators, who, with only nine runners per club allowed in the senior race, often significantly outnumber their team. By donning training kit and hacking around the course in the opposite direction to the race, taking the occasional short cut, it is possible to see the leaders nearly once every mile.

"It is a clubman's event," says Mr Allen. "Starting from early morning, as you travel to the course, you see people you've known for ten, 20 years, whom you haven't seen for 12 months, and if you're racing, you probably meet up with the same people in the finish funnel as well."

Despite the changes to the season and the requirements of the leading athletes, winning a National can still mean a lot. Richard Nerurkar, twice a National champion already and Britain's best finisher in last year's Olympic 10,000 metres, missed the British trial for the world championships because he wanted to run the National. At Parliament Hill.





MARK SHEARMAN

Glorious mud: conditions like these this afternoon at Parliament Hill Fields will feel like "running for a bus with your trousers around your ankles"

Clubs, spikes and books: how to join the cross-country crowd

☐ **How to start:** Cross-country is a club-based sport, with few events "open" to all-comers. To find your local club, contact the British Athletic Federation, Edgbaston House, 3 Duchess Place, Hagley Road, Birmingham B16 8NM (0121-456 4050).

☐ **What to wear:** For training, almost anything goes — old sweaters and cords can be just as good as tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts — as long as it is warm and comfortable. Running cross-country is impractical in the dark, so many winter night-time runs are done on the roads, when bright-coloured or reflective gear is advised. Shoes are the most important item of kit, and can cost up to £100, although you need not spend much more than £60. Try to do your shoe-shopping at a specialist running shop (these are advertised extensively in the athletics magazines), rather than a general sports store, where the range of shoes and amount of advice is likely to be limited. For running on wet, muddy grassland, make sure your shoes have a "waffle"-type sole, for extra grip.



When racing, you will need shorts and a vest in your club colours (normally available from the club), and you can get away with wearing training "flats", but racing spikes are to be preferred. These can be middle-distance track spikes or special cross-country shoes, and can be bought from running shops, along with a spare set of (lethal-looking) 12mm spikes to be inserted before your first race.

☐ **What to do:** The cross-country season lasts from October to March, and races are usually part of an overall training programme for middle and long-distance running. Most clubs have regular training sessions, with a senior member or coach on hand to help and advise. Probably the best book for people taking up cross-country for the first time is Cliff Temple's *Marathon, Cross-country and Road Running*, published by Stanley Paul. As well as explaining in detail the basis of the sport, it contains useful advice on training and racing, right up to the marathon distance. There are several magazines which provide details of upcoming fixtures, the results of races, and general advice, the pick of which are *Running*, a practical monthly which concentrates on distance running, and *Athletics Today*, a news and profile-based weekly.

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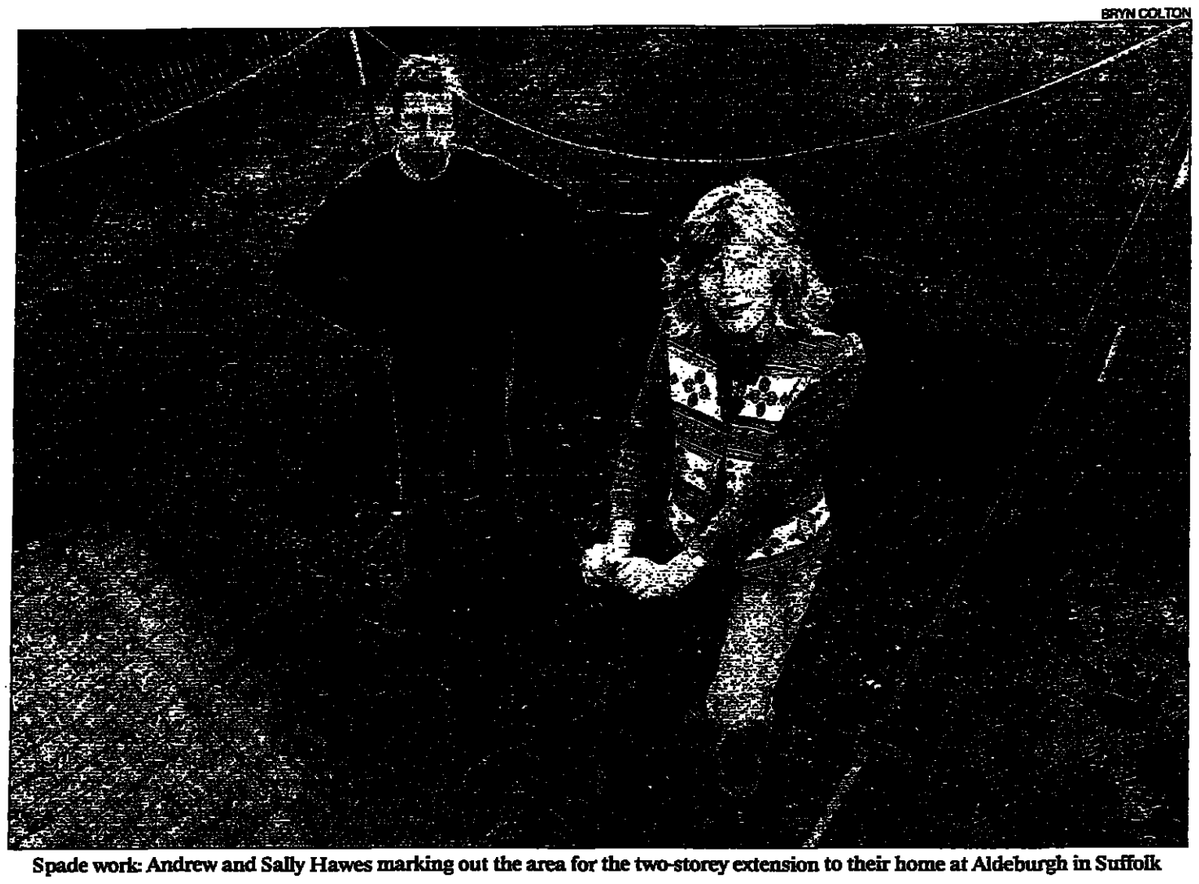
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Hidden cost of home add-ons

Extending your home can also stretch your patience, reports Gill Elliott


BRYN COLTON

Spade work: Andrew and Sally Hawes marking out the area for the two-storey extension to their home at Aldeburgh in Suffolk

Extension tension sounds like a slogan dreamed up by an advertising agency, but for many people planning to extend their homes the description is painfully apt. A midnight phone call — the third that day — to the architect to check on the size of new windows was the first sign that the pressures were begining to tell on Andrew Hawes and his wife Sally, a doctor.

Moving house has long been regarded as an unsettling influence but, as a growing number of homeowners are finding out, planning to extend your existing property can be even more of a shock to the system. Having builders traipsing around the house for months on end is usually the reason, but for the Hawes the months spent awaiting planning permission have been the most frustrating part.

The Hawes live in a tower-shaped, three-bedroom, red brick house in Aldeburgh, on the Suffolk coast. It is spacious enough, but the living area is split between a large kitchen on the ground floor and the main living-room above, which, although worth the climb for views over the River Alde, is too far from the kitchen to be practical. And the main bedroom is too small and dark.

Their only option is to re-plan and extend the living area, and they propose to build a single storey sitting-room at the rear, with a two-storey extension to the side, comprising a utility room on the ground floor and a larger main bedroom on the top.

Initial planning applications in their area take about eight weeks to be processed, and must be followed by the submission of more detailed drawings. The Hawes put in their original application a year ago, and followed the traditional method of spreading their detailed decision-making over measured stages, allowing them scope to change their minds. So far they have prepared five sets of plans.

"I've agonised over details I didn't think I would ever worry about, such as the width of the windows," Dr Hawes says. "I have tried to plan things down to the nth degree. A lot of tension is down to money: if we had an unlimited supply it would be easier, but you just have to go for the best you can afford." The final bill is expected to be about £30,000.

Ensuring that their investment will add to the value of the house has been a main consideration. They could have used one of the many building firms offering a complete package, including design ("Don't Get Extension Tension — Ring Us Now For Expert Help"), with quoted savings on private architects' fees in the region of £1,600.

But the Hawes decided to use private help, partly because Dr Hawes's brother, Simon, is an architect. They were also attracted by the idea that he would supply an estimated cost which, unless something unforeseen happened, would match the final bill.

Employing an architect or chartered building surveyor can help in the early stages when planning permission is being sought, because they have a more realistic idea of what will be acceptable to the planning authorities. "I advise people considering extensions to chat through ideas with the local planning officers first," Mr Hawes says.

Communications between the couple have been strained at times over the past year. Although Mr Hawes elected to oversee the financial side and Dr Hawes the detail, their roles have sometimes overlapped, with inevitable friction. "We've had amazing rows, when we've nearly cancelled the whole thing. At one point we were worried that extension tension really was taking over," says Dr Hawes.

They have tried to keep on the right side of the neighbours (their house is semi-detached) while final planning permission has been in the balance. "Everyone in the vicinity will see copies of your plans before you get anywhere. This can influence how you treat your neighbours in the run up," Mr Hawes says. (In planning law, blocking your neighbour's view is not grounds for objection, but if you seriously overshadow their windows you could be infringing their right to "ancient lights".)

If the neighbours have been disturbed by the sight of Dr Hawes standing in the garden holding a pole, which acts like a sundial, to check on where the light will fall once the extension is in place, they have not said so. And her forays into the garden at twilight with torch and string to "map out" the plans on the lawn seem to have gone largely unnoticed. Such antics have not stirred the neighbours into lodging objections to the plans.

Planning approval has now come through. The next stage will be to meet the local building regulations concerning, for example, insulation and plumbing. After that, the building work will go out to tender, and they hope that the extension will finally be in place by summer.

"Because of the recession in house building, councils are said to be having a slack period, but they seem to have sat on our plans for too long," Mr Hawes says.

The project has taken much longer than they could have imagined, and Dr Hawes has been particularly aware of signs of tension and has made regular checks on herself and her husband for raised blood pressure. "We both wanted the extension, but now we wonder if we would have been better off moving house. But we are too far down the road now."

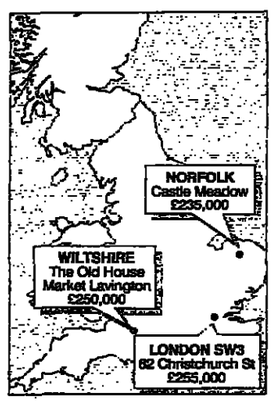
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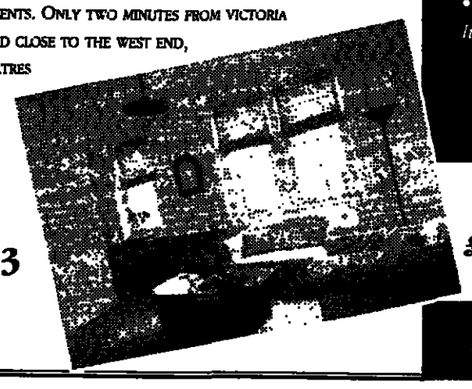
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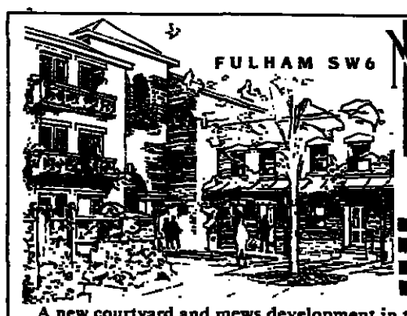


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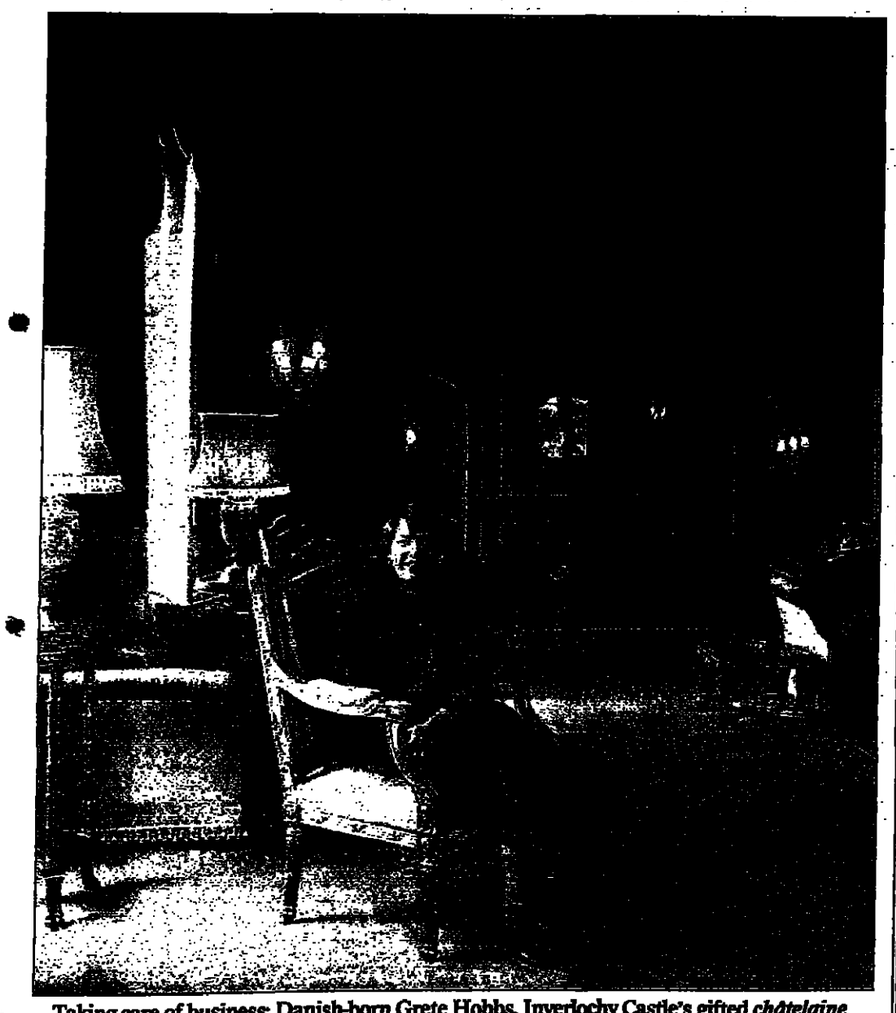
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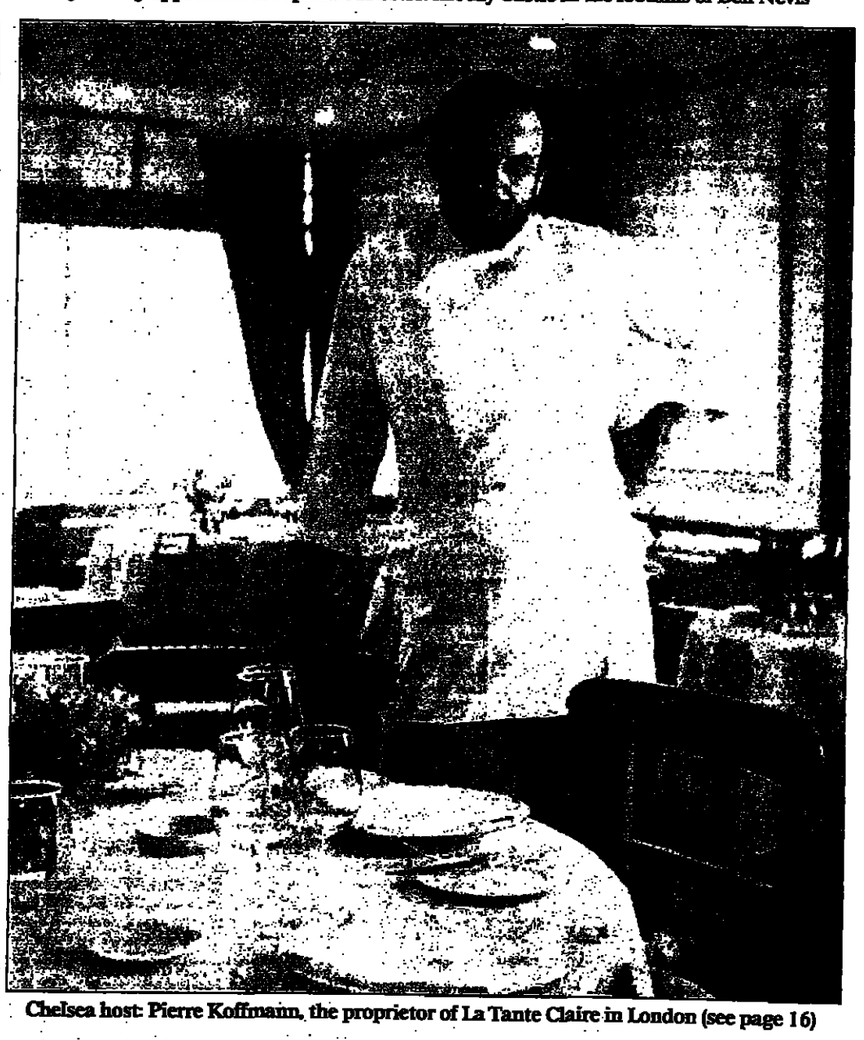
Taking care of business: Danish-born Grete Hobbs, Inverlochy Castle's gifted *châtelaine*

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■ Relais & Châteaux is probably by now the most remarkable group of hotels and restaurants in the world. It is not, strictly speaking, a chain; it is more like a club. All its members are quite independent of each other — and all have to be superb in *some* way in order to belong. That is why *The Times* has chosen Relais & Châteaux to make these special offers to its readers.

■ The name Relais & Châteaux is best translated as "Inns and Castles" The *relais* were the old staging inns of France. The origins of the new group go back to 1954 when a small organisation called Relais de Campagne, or "Country Inns", was set up with eight hotels on the road from Paris to the Côte d'Azur — the so-called Route de Bonheur, or Road of Happiness. The group expanded, taking in members in other European countries, and in 1962 a rival body, Châteaux-Hotels, was formed — which is where the castles came in. In 1972, a restaurant group called Relais Gourmands — "Inns for Outstanding Eating", one might say — threw down its challenge. Finally, in 1975, these three merged to form the present Relais & Châteaux. In 1993 it has a membership of 411 hotels and restaurants in 40 countries.

■ The Five Cs — Character, Courtesy, Calm, Charm and Cuisine, is the motto of Relais & Châteaux. The idea above all is that the establishments shall be unusually attractive, in different ways. The buildings can be exquisite or historic, the grounds can be beautiful or perfect for fishing or bird-watching, the atmosphere can be metropolitan or offer rural calm — and the prices can be quite different. Individuality and excellence — that is the promise, however it is achieved.



Chelsea host: Pierre Koffmann, the proprietor of La Tante Claire in London (see page 16)

Relais & Châteaux proprietors are as refreshingly different as the establishments they run. **Robin Young** met some of them

Relais & Châteaux hotels and restaurants share common standards of quality, but are in every other respect individual and distinct. They are the creations of very special people, and not all the driving spirits are great chef-proprietors like Raymond Blanc of Quat' Saisons and Michel Roux of the Waterside Inn at Bray, or professional hoteliers like David Levin of The Capital, who started as a commis waiter in Glasgow's Central Hotel and first made his name, aged 23, by turning round the under-performing Kyle of Lochalsh hotel for British Transport Hotels.

Tim Hart of Hambleton Hall, for example, was a merchant banker, and Peter Smedley of Ston Easton, a scion of the fruit and vegetable canning family, was a raspberry farmer and intrepid aviator before love of his family home urged him into hotel-keeping.

But who are the oboeist, the sweet manufacturer, the management consultant, the distiller's wife, and the former night club and discotheque owner? Read on.

To many Peter Herbert seems the complete, professional hotelier. True, the profession was in his blood, since his father kept the Mermaid at Rye in its great, pre-war days, but Peter started out as an oboe scholar at the Royal College of Music. War parted him from music and, after training in Austria, he turned to hotel management, creating at the Gore Hotel in Kensington what could probably be described as the first theme restaurant in Britain: the Elizabethan dining room, complete with serving wenches in Tudor costume.

The formula proved so popular that the Gore had to turn over two more rooms to the same line of business. Mr Herbert became managing director of a group which included the floating Yardarm Club below Hungerford Bridge (now Restaurant Ship Hispaniola), and the Village Club in Lower Sloane Street, and in 1958 he took the bold step of taking a long lease on Gravetye Manor.

By 1967 he was advised he must either go public and grow, or concentrate all his energies on Gravetye. "Thank heaven I chose Gravetye", he says. "I would have made a disastrous managing director of a public company. As it is I have had to answer to no-one but my bank manager and God, and God does not ask too many questions."

The urge to be his own boss similarly drove Martin Skan to quit his job and sell his shares in Cavenham Foods in 1966 to buy Chewton Glen, whose principal claim to fame hitherto had been that Captain Marryat stayed there while working on his book *Children of the New Forest*.

Mr Skan has been, in a sense, slave to the house ever since, with builders almost permanently on site repairing, improving and enlarging. He spent £200,000 on a new drive so that approaching travellers might reach their pampered oasis almost unaware that Chewton Glen has any neighbouring habitations. Then he laid out another £5 million on indoor pool, tennis courts, health centre, gym, larger bedrooms and conference centre.

He has toured the world banging the drum for Britain as a tourist destination, tirelessly whipping up custom for Chewton Glen, battling, it seems sometimes, against almost impossible odds, yet always emerging smooth, dapper and unruffled, a marketeer *par excellence*. He is, as the trade bible *Caterer & Hotelkeeper* recently described him, "Britain's outstanding example of the pioneering hotelier".

Grete Hobbs is the *châtelaine* of Inverlochy Castle near Fort William. For her, perhaps, hotelmanship has been an engrossing hobby, as much as a natural gift. Danish by birth, she married a Leicester whisky distiller and factory owner, and Inverlochy was their country home. A first-class cook herself, she put the castle to use as a seasonal hotel, recruiting and training as chef the now legendary Miss Shaw, who for long kept for Inverloch the rare honour of a three star rating in Egon Ronay's guides.

Now widowed, Mrs Hobbs has recruited a resident managing director, Michael Leonard, to help maintain the highest standards.

Before Paul Henderson took on the challenge of Gidleigh Park in Devon, he was a international management consultant with McKinsey. He gave it up at 38, deciding that he was only going to be a moderately successful management consultant and that he really wanted to build up something of his own by the time he reached the age of 50.

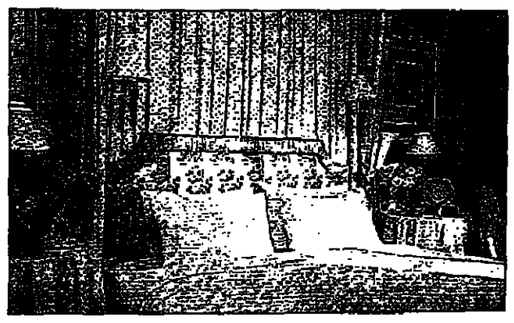
"I was tired of working for other people and the endless business travel", he says, blithely dismissing the thought that the alternative profession he chose entails endlessly working for other people and quite a lot of business travel, too.

"I made a list of the things my wife Kay and I enjoyed doing, and then said: 'Can we make a living from any of these?' A small country house hotel with good food seemed the thing". Which is how it comes about that at Gidleigh Park you can stumble in from a moorland yomp, and be welcomed by one of the flashiest bow ties and most enthusiastic wine connoisseurs you will meet anywhere in Britain.

Nigel Corbett and his wife, Margaret, started Summer Lodge at Evershot in the Hardy Country of Dorset from scratch in 1979, she cooking and he waiting at tables. Previously, though, he had been a cellar boy in the vineyards of France, and a Savoy trainee manager, before turning to night clubs and discotheques such as the Rehearsal Room above the Royal Court Theatre, and Françoise, "the prep school for Annabel's".

Mrs Corbett no longer does the cooking, which is now the department of Roger Jones, from Franco Taruschio's Walnut Tree Inn at Llandewi Skirrid, but she still attends to 90 vases of fresh flowers daily. In the country hotel business, there is really no let-up if one is to maintain the standards that Relais & Châteaux demand.

From the West Country to the Scottish Highlands



■ **Fortyseven Park Street & Le Gavroche** (01)
It says something for the success of Albert and Monique Roux's recreation of the aristocratic elegance of an Edwardian pied-à-terre that no fewer than 60 per cent of the guests in the 52 luxury suites are repeat customers. The hotel is a block away from the American Embassy and close to Hyde Park, and all the apartments have triple-glazing, air-conditioning and fully equipped kitchens. Room service, though, comes direct from the kitchens of Le Gavroche, now under the command of Albert Roux's son, Michel jr. The recent revision of Michelin's star rating (from three stars to two) reflected that change of command and not any deterioration in the restaurant's standards, which continue to provide a benchmark for Britain.
Park Street, London W1Y 4EB. Tel: 071-491 7282. Fax: 071-491 7281.



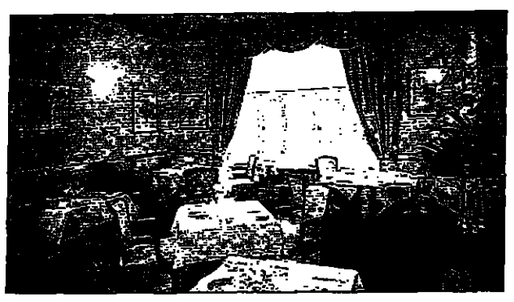
■ **The Capital Hotel** (02)
David Levin's Knightsbridge hotel, conveniently close to the back of Harrods, has been renowned for excellence ever since it opened. In his recently published memoirs Quentin Crewe recalled how, when the hotel was created in 1961, it sent out a brochure saying that if guests left their shoes outside the bedroom door at night they would not only be polished but re-soled too, if necessary. The Capital is now a very up-to-date, elegant hotel which manages to retain its old-fashioned charm. The little extras include a copy of *The Times* for every room. The present chef, Philip Britten, is latest in a distinguished succession which has included Richard Shepherd (now of Langan's Brasserie) and Brian Turner (Turner's, Walton Street).
Basil Street, London SW3 1AT. Tel: 071-589 5171. Fax: 071-225 0011.



■ **La Tante Claire** (03)
Pierre Koffmann's restaurant in Chelsea is Britain's newly promoted Michelin three-star restaurant. The third star was, many restaurateurs and food critics in Britain felt, long overdue before it was finally awarded, but promotion to the ranks of international superstars has not gone to the redoubtable Mr Koffmann's head, or, for that matter, his prices. Koffmann's dishes, such as pig's trotter stuffed with morels, scallops in ink-squid sauce, and venison with bitter chocolate and raspberry vinegar, make his the most strikingly memorable cuisine to be found anywhere in Britain, yet the restaurant, small, elegant and predominantly yellow, is unpretentious and, at lunch, a bargain for the connoisseurs.
68 Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HP.
Tel: 071-352 6045/071-351 0227. Fax 071-352 3257.



■ **Gravetye Manor** (04)
One of the first English country house hotels, Gravetye Manor, an Elizabethan stone mansion set in a thousand acres of parkland, was for over half a century the home of the horticultural journalist and sometime *The Times* correspondent, William Robinson. He created the English "natural" garden which still surrounds the hotel, though it was the Herbert family who inherited the job of repairing and restoring it. Peter Herbert, the owner, is a complete hotel professional. Typically when he had spent £1.2 million last year on a new eight-bedroom wing, friends and critics were invited to act as "guinea pigs" testing the new rooms for any possible deficiencies before anyone was allowed into them as a paying guest.
Near East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 4LJ.
Tel: 0342 810567. Fax: 0342 810080.



■ **L'Ortolan** (05)
John Burton-Race is the chef Egon Ronay chose to cook for Britain in last year's gastronomic European Games in Madrid. His *aumonière* of oyster and smoked salmon in an English white wine jelly, his grouse with salsify, and his burnt English custard, tied for equal honours and first place with the best that France and Spain could offer, even in the judgement of a jury weighted toward those continental countries' nationals. Housed in what was once the red-brick vicarage of Shinfield, in the countryside outside Reading, Burton-Race's restaurant has made a success of a site (five minutes off junction 11 of the M4) which in the past had no less a figure than Nico Ladenis (now of Nico at Ninety) running for cover back in the capital.
The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Shinfield, Near Reading RG2 9BY. Tel: 0734 883783. Fax: 0734 885391.



■ **The Waterside Inn** (-05)
The much-honoured Michel Roux is in charge of the famous restaurant in the Waterside Inn. It has three Michelin stars, and its food combines the greatness of classic French cooking with an incomparable delicacy and inventiveness. But the Inn still reminds you of the days when it was just a cottage, where young gallants would come for the weekend for wine, women and song. It stands on the bank of the Thames, and some of the rooms have river views. There is a golf course three miles away and the restaurant's picturesque village setting is ideal for strolling. It has six charming bedrooms to tumble into after dinner and you wake in the morning to the aroma of viennoiserie being baked for breakfast.
Ferry Road, Bray-on-Thames, Berkshire SL6 2AT.
Tel: 0628 20691. Fax: 0628 784710.



■ **Cliveden** (06)
Built in 1666 for the Duke of Buckingham, Cliveden was later lived in by George III's father, Frederick, Prince of Wales, during whose occupation "Rule Britannia" was composed there. It became famous in the 20th century when Waldorf and Nancy Astor lived there, with Churchill and Chaplin among the guests. Now you can sleep in luxurious bedrooms named Lady Astor and Mountbatten, and eat in the French Dining Room with its original Madame de Pompadour decor. There is a Pavilion in the grounds with an 18-metre swimming pool, sauna and its own poolside restaurant. You can ride on Cliveden's own horses, or just sit by the Thames under the oak where Prime Minister Canning liked to sit.
Taplow, Berkshire SL6 0JF. Tel: 0628 668561.
Fax: 0628 661837.



■ **Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons** (07)
Raymond Blanc has achieved his declared ambition of placing the Manoir aux Quat' Saisons firmly among the very best country house hotels in all Europe. His is the only establishment in Britain to qualify for both the Relais & Châteaux gold and red shields, the one denoting "de luxe service in a sumptuous establishment" and the other "grand cuisine". A mile from junction 7 on the M40, seven miles from Oxford and 30 minutes from Heathrow, the Manoir is a 15th-century Cotswold manor house in a peaceful village, with stable-block and medieval dovecote transformed into guestrooms overlooking the gardens and orchard, where Raymond Blanc and his gardeners grow many of the fruits, vegetables and herbs for the restaurant.
Church Road, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7PD.
Tel: 0844 278881. Fax: 0844 278847.



■ **Hartwell House** (08)
This fine country house stands in 80 acres of rich landscaped parkland. When you arrive you step into the Great Hall, built by James Gibbs in 1740, and you go up past Jacobean statues to your bedroom. On the first floor, some of the large bedrooms are named after members of Louis XVIII's court who lived there with the exiled French king 180 years ago. The Doric Dining Room offers a cuisine which has been awarded a Michelin star, and 100 yards from the hotel is Hartwell Spa offering an arcaded swimming pool, a whirlpool spa bath, two saunas, a gymnasium and a beauty salon. As Byron asked Louis XVIII when he went back to France: "Why wouldst thou leave calm Hartwell's green abode . . . Apician table and Horatian Ode?"
Hartwell House, Oxford Road, Near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP17 8NL. Tel: 0296 747444. Fax: 0296 747450.



■ **The Bell Inn** (09)
The Harris family have been causing the Bell at Aston Clinton to chime in complete accord with its customers' wishes for more than half a century. Daphne Harris, widow of the much lamented wine merchant and hotelier, Gerard, still takes charge of filling the house with flowers, while her son Michael and his wife Patsy run the house with efficiency and personal attention. The original coaching inn has been supplemented with a pavilion for functions and bedrooms in the stables and malthouse of the former Bell Brewery in a hidden courtyard just across the village street. The chef, in kitchens acknowledged in the *Good Food Guide* consistently these 40 years, is David Cavalier, formerly of Cavalier's in Battersea.
Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire HP22 5HP.
Tel: 0296 630252. Fax: 0296 631250.



■ **Chewton Glen Hotel** (10)
Poised elegantly in 70 acres of gardens, park and woodlands between the New Forest and the sea, Chewton Glen, one of the earliest of the English country house hotels, has grown in the last quarter century into a magnificent international hotel, conference centre, country club and health resort with facilities that cannot be bettered anywhere in Britain. Chef Pierre Chevillard trained with Troisgros in France, and sommelier Gerard Basset has carried off the honours in international competitions on Chewton Glen's behalf. Despite their hotel's inexorable gain in stature, Martin and Brigitte Skan succeed in retaining the personal attention to detail which has played a vital part in Chewton Glen's success.
Christchurch Road, New Milton, Hampshire BH25 6QS.
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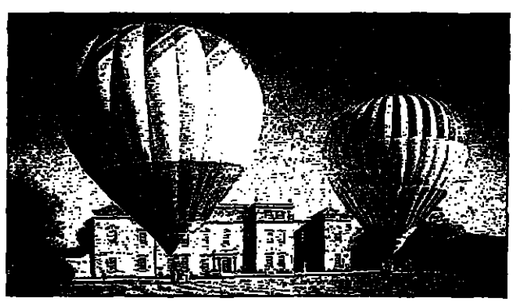
■ **Longueville Manor** (11)
The 13th-century Longueville Manor is the only Relais & Châteaux hotel in the Channel Islands, and is another of the impressive historic houses in the group. Seigneurs of Jersey have lived in it for over 600 years, and it is now one of the most prestigious small hotels in Europe, winner of Egon Ronay's "Hotel of the Year" award. The cuisine is outstanding, with many of the fruits and vegetables coming from the manor's own walled garden. Old records show that the best Gascony wine has always been drunk there, and today's cellar maintains the tradition. The bedrooms are named after roses. There is a heated swimming pool, and a stream runs through the wooded valley in which the manor stands, leading to a lake where black swans swim.
St Saviour, Jersey JE2 7SA. Tel: 0534 25501. Fax: 0534 31613.



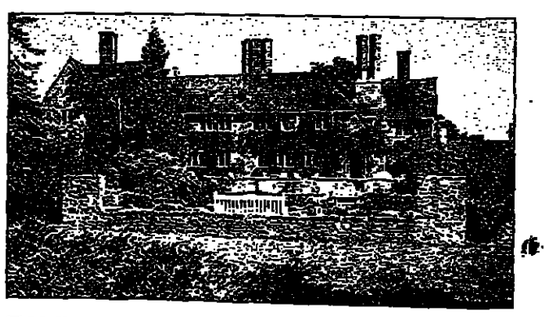
■ **Summer Lodge** (12)
This peaceful Georgian house in the Thomas Hardy country was once the dower house of the Earls of Ilchester. Light pours in from the garden, and the gentle slopes of the surrounding hills and valleys will soon be covered with primroses and bluebells. The cuisine reflects the countryside around. The proprietors, Nigel and Margaret Corbett, and their chef have their own delicious brand of country cooking, frequently using local produce, and their cheeseboard includes superb cheeses like Blue Vinney and Dorset Knobs. There is home-made shortbread waiting in the pretty bedrooms. There is a outdoor, heated swimming-pool in the summer and the sea is only 12 miles drive away.
Evershot, Dorset DT2 0JR. Tel: 0935 83424.
Fax: 0935 83005.



■ **Gidleigh Park** (13)
Gidleigh Park, overlooking the rocky River Teign within Dartmoor National Park, has even had an essay written about it by the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes. He says you imagine you are entering Merlin's kingdom as you approach along the narrow lane with its stone walls "built maybe by badgers and tied in with ferns and flowers". The luxurious hotel boasts a Michelin-starred dining room, two full-sized croquet lawns and an all-weather tennis court. Built in the 1920s, the place is run by a dedicated American, Paul Henderson, and his wife Kay. Their inspired chef is Shaun Hill. There are fresh flowers in all the rooms, a log fire in the hall and two, three or four people can sleep in a separate thatched cottage just across the river.
Chagford, Devon TQ13 8HH. Tel: 0647 432367.
Fax: 0647 432574.



■ **Ston Easton Park** (14)
Peter and Christine Smedley became hoteliers by accident rather than intent after buying the Palladian manor outside Bath which was once the home of *The Times*'s former editor and present columnist, Lord Rees-Mogg. Complete professionals as they have proved, not even they can count the money they have lavished upon Ston Easton as they restored the stately home, which had narrowly escaped demolition, and reconstructed its Humphry Repton parkland to the original designs. The whole establishment exudes excellence. The 17th-century Gardener's Cottage, overlooking the Victorian kitchen garden, makes a separate country retreat, divided into two suites, offering standards of luxury no jobbing gardener has ever known.
Ston Easton, Bath, Somerset BA3 4DF. Tel: 0761 241631.
Fax: 0761 241377.



■ **Mallory Court Hotel** (15)
As soon as you see them, the mellow stone and leaded windows of the Lutyens-style Mallory Court evoke the comfort and serenity you will find in this country house hotel. It is hospitable, marvellously comfortable, and offers superb cuisine. The bedrooms are furnished with antique pieces and luxurious fabrics, and there is one especially magnificent suite, the Blenheim Suite, with a painted ceiling, balcony and two-tub bathroom. There are ten acres of landscaped garden, with lawns to lie on, and a rose garden and water garden in which to while away lazy afternoons. Stratford-on-Avon — Shakespeare's birthplace and the home of the Royal Shakespeare Company — is only nine miles away.
Harbury Lane, Bishops Tachbrook, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV33 9QB. Tel: 0926 330214. Fax: 0926 451714.



■ **Hambleton Hall** (16)
Tim Hart, a former merchant banker, fell so completely in love with Hambleton Hall, a Victorian manor house in a dramatic setting on a peninsula in Rutland Water, that he committed himself to buying it even before telling his wife, Stefa. That she came round to the idea speaks volumes for the place's quality, which in the 12 years since that time the couple have spared no effort to maximise. "We have no intention of being taken in by all the kind words that have been written about us", explains Mr Hart. "We know that every day is a new day in which we have to recreate the magic." The unspoiled Rutland countryside is ideal for walks and at the end of the day you can expect to return to a splendid meal and the height of comfort.
Hambleton, Oakham, Rutland LE15 8TH. Tel: 0572 756991.
Fax: 0572 724721.



■ **Sharrow Bay Hotel** (17)
This mildly Italianate mansion in a glorious setting on the banks of Ullswater facing the Helvellyn range across the lake is precisely where the British country house hotel industry was born, when Francis Coulson and Brian Sack replaced the old sign saying Sharrow Bay Private Hotel with a reworded one announcing Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel. They have run one of the most hospitable, welcoming and delightful hotels in the country ever since, and now enter their 45th season. The cooking is remarkable for its use of local produce and for its generosity of scale and flavour. Francis Coulson's sticky toffee pudding is a legend in the lunchtime of everyone who has ever eaten it.
Lake Ullswater, Near Penrith, Cumbria CA10 2LZ.
Tel: 07684 86301. Fax 07684 86349.



■ **Farlam Hall** (18)
Farlam Hall stands on a grassy knoll above a lake in four acres of mature garden. Hadrian's Wall is only a few miles to the north, and this fine 17th-century house is redolent of the Border Country. George Stephenson, of steam engine fame, stayed there, and his famous "Rocket" belonged to a family who lived at the Hall. Now it is elegant, comfortable and friendly inside, with the 13 bedrooms all delightfully individual in size, shape and decor. The chefs under the guidance of Barry Quinion make full use of the fish and game from the country around. It is an easy drive from here to the Yorkshire Dales, to the Lake District and into the Scottish Borders themselves. A number of golf courses are also within easy reach.
Brampton, Cumbria CA8 2NG. Tel: 06977 46234.
Fax: 06977 46683.



■ **Kinnaird** (19)
Kinnaird is an 18th-century house set in 9,000 acres on the River Tay. Visitors might think they were popular guests at an Edwardian house-party, for Kinnaird has been described as "a very comfortable, beautiful but cosy home that happens to be a hotel." The dining rooms have fine views over the Tay valley, while outside there are two beats for salmon on the Tay, and three hill lochs providing trout fishing, one stocked with rainbow trout and the other two offering wild stocks of brown trout and pike. The pheasant shooting is of the highest quality, and the hotel's own hill keeper has improved the grouse shooting dramatically in the last three years. A wide range of malt whiskies awaits the returning sportsman.
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■ The Airds Hotel (20)
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Port Appin, Appin, Argyll PA38 4DF, Scotland.
Tel: 063173 236. Fax: 063173 535.

■ Inverlochy Castle (21)
Inverlochy is a superlative example of Victorian baronial style in the Highlands of Scotland. Indeed, when Victoria herself spent a week there in 1873 she wrote in her diary: "I never saw a lovelier or more romantic spot". Standing in the foothills of Ben Nevis three miles north of Fort William on 500 acres of its own grounds, Inverlochy offers present-day guests a warm welcome, complete peace and utter seclusion, with thoroughly professional service, top flight cuisine, and wine cellar to match, all in the most solidly reassuring of comfortable surroundings. The Great Hall, with its crystal chandeliers, handsome staircase and frescoed ceiling is a magnificent centrepiece to a truly magnificent place.
Torlundy, Fort William PH33 6SN, Scotland.
Tel: 0397 702177. Fax: 0397 702953.

■ Arisaig House (22)
The Road to the Isles taken by Bonnie Prince Charlie has not changed much since his day, and Arisaig House is right on it. From Arisaig village, three miles away, you can take the boat to the islands of Eigg, Muck and Rhum, and from Mallaig, to the north, you can sail to Skye. Arisaig House, with its mature terraced gardens, stands among redwoods and rhododendrons, but is remarkable for the light that streams through its high windows. The drawing room has white walls and a vaulted Italian ceiling, and fron the bedrooms you look out on mountains or a loch studded with islands. The dining room offers superb *fruits de mer* from the Scottish coast and local game, with a fine cellar of claret to accompany it.
Beasdale, By Arisaig, Inverness-shire PH39 4NR, Scotland.
Tel: 06875 622. Fax: 06875 626.

Giving thought for food

Robin Young finds out why Albert Roux of London's Le Gavroche welcomes the French spirit behind Relais & Châteaux



Stickler for perfection: Albert Roux is a firm believer in rigorously maintained standards of quality, "so that the customer should never, never be disappointed"

The policies and decisions of the Relais & Châteaux organisation in the British Isles are all dictated and approved by Paris. "I would not want to belong if it was any other way," says Albert Roux, who is the father-figure of *haute cuisine* in Britain.

M Roux, whose restaurant, Le Gavroche in Mayfair, was the first in the United Kingdom to win three stars from the Michelin guide, is now managing director of CIP International Services Ltd, consultant to Phénix Hotels, and managing director of the Gavroche and of Fortyseven Park Street, a block of luxury suites above the restaurant which qualifies for a Relais & Châteaux yellow shield ("the refined comfort of a superb residence").

M Roux welcomes French rule, he insists, not because he is himself French, but because the Relais & Châteaux organisation, although now represented in 40 countries on five continents, is itself essentially French in origin, concept and spirit.

"If we started to allow that there should be different standards in different countries you would soon have a total, incomprehensible cacophony. The strength of Relais & Châteaux, to which I am very proud to belong, is that we are a chain without being a chain, branded only as regards quality. The qualification for membership is that there shall be a rigorously maintained standard of quality, so that the customer should never, never be disappointed by picking an establishment from the Relais & Châteaux guide anywhere in the world. The policing standards by which the president and board inspect the properties and deal with any complaints or criticisms, are extremely tough. There is no room for back-sliders."



'I do not travel with Michelin in Britain. The guide I use is the Relais & Châteaux'

One particular advantage of belonging to the Relais & Châteaux "chain" is the quality of staff that you are able to attract, M Roux says. "There are now, one could say an international brigade of the highest quality personnel who will not work outside the Relais & Châteaux. They recognise membership of the consortium as proof that the establishment is worthy of their services."

It may be, M Roux concedes, that British country-house hotels now often exceed the standards of such establishments in France, but those he regards most highly are the ones whose services meet the Relais & Châteaux quality charter on what the organisation calls "the Five Cs": character, calm, charm, courtesy and cuisine.

If cuisine comes last, it does not imply, M Roux insists, that it is also least. "Perhaps the introduction of the Relais Gourmands, the restaurants accepted and approved for membership of the chain, was a bit of an afterthought, but the Relais Gourmands have since inspired the hotels to lift up their standards to ensure that the food they serve is adequate to compare to the comfort of their accommodations. I would always expect a decent affair when eating at a Relais & Châteaux. I would always expect it to be better than I would get in any other similar establishment that is not in the chain."

In fact, M Roux points out, the British members of Relais & Châteaux have not done badly in scooping culinary honours. Of the 54 current Michelin stars awarded in Britain, fully one-third belong to Relais & Châteaux members, including both the three stars (the Waterside Inn at Bray, run by Albert Roux's telegenic brother, Michel; and Pierre Koffmann's Tante Claire in Chelsea); and three of the five two stars (Raymond Blanc's Manoir aux Quat' Saisons at Great Milton in Oxfordshire; John Burton-Race's L'Ortolan at Shinfield in Berkshire; and Le Gavroche, now in the charge of Albert Roux's son, Michel Jr).

The British Relais & Châteaux with single stars are Hartwell House near Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, Gidleigh Park near Chagford in Devon, Hambleton Hall in erstwhile Rutland, Mallory Court near Leamington Spa, Kinnaird at Dunkeld in Perthshire, and Airds at Port Appin, Argyll.

That does not mean that the other Relais & Châteaux kitchens are slouches of any sort. When, for instance, Pierre Koffmann wanted to treat his staff to congratulate them on at last winning Tante Claire's third Michelin star, he took them for a return visit to Peter Herbert's Relais & Châteaux Gravetye Manor, near East Grinstead, West Sussex, where today they will be celebrating with a wholly British meal of game terrine, grilled scallops, steak and kidney pudding and Bakewell tart with thick Jersey cream.

"I do not travel with Michelin in Britain," says M Roux. "I can honestly tell you that the guide I travel with is always the Relais & Châteaux brochure. I know that is the one which I can trust completely."

In the words of one proprietor: "A Relais & Châteaux establishment is one where the guests forget to ask for the bill because they think they have been staying with friends in a private house, and the proprietors cannot mention the bill for fear of spoiling the illusion that they have so painstakingly created."

ALBERT ROUX SHARES SOME OF HIS RECIPES

Soufflé Suissesse
(Soufflés with Swiss cheese)
(serves 4)

- 140g/5oz butter
- 65g/2oz flour
- 700ml/28fl oz milk
- 5 eggs, separated
- 1l/1¾ pt double cream
- 6 egg whites
- 200g/7oz grated Gruyère or Emmental cheese
- salt, freshly ground white pepper

This is an original way of serving a cheese soufflé: the cheese is not incorporated into the soufflé mixture but is used to glaze it. Nevertheless, it is a light dish with a wonderful aroma, which has delighted diners at Le Gavroche since the day we opened. As they cook, the soufflés will absorb the cream and will be very rich and creamy.

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F, gas 6. Melt 65g (2oz) butter in a small saucepan set over low heat. Using a small wire whisk, stir in the flour. Cook gently for 2 or 3 minutes, stirring continuously.

Take the pan off the heat and leave the roux to cool slightly. Bring the milk to the boil, then pour it over the cooled roux, whisking all the time. Set the pan over high heat and, stirring continuously, bring the mixture to the boil and cook for three minutes.

Take the pan off the heat and stir in the egg yolks. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Dot the surface with 1tbsp butter, cut into small pieces, to prevent a skin from forming. Set aside at room temperature.

Meanwhile, chill eight round 8cm/3in tartlet tins in the refrigerator or freezer for a few minutes. Remove and immediately grease them generously with softened butter and arrange on a baking sheet.

To assemble the soufflés, pour the cream into a gratin or bi-metal dish. Lightly salt the cream, then warm it gently without letting it boil. Beat the egg whites with a pinch of salt until they form stiff peaks. Pour the soufflé mixture into a wide-mouthed bowl. Using a whisk, quickly beat in about one-third of the beaten egg whites, then, using a spatula, carefully fold in the remainder. Using a tablespoon, heap up the mixture in the tartlet tins to form eight large mounds.

Bake the soufflés in the preheated oven for three minutes, until the tops begin to turn golden. Remove from the oven and, protecting your hands with a cloth, turn out each soufflé into the dish of warm cream. Sprinkle over the Gruyère or Emmental and return to the oven for five minutes.

The soufflés must be taken immediately to the table; serve them with a spoon and fork, taking care not to crush them.

With this, serve a light Pouilly Fuissé.

THIS next succulent winter dish must be served piping hot. Serve a purée of Jerusalem artichokes separately; their slightly sweet taste goes wonderfully well with the recipe. Pot au feu is traditionally served with Dijon mustard, but the sauce Albert creates a subtle, delicate variation. For real connoisseurs put coarse sea salt on the table.

Pot au feu sauce Albert
(serves 4)

- 500g/1lb 2oz oxtail, cut from the middle
- 600g/1lb 4oz shin of beef, boned weight
- 1 ox tongue
- 5l/9pt chicken stock
- 8 white peppercorns
- coarse and fine salt
- 2 large onions
- 2 cloves
- ¼ head celery, cut from the root
- 1 small garlic bulb
- 1 small bouquet garni
- 8 small carrots
- 4 small leeks
- 8 small turnips
- ½ small full-hearted green cabbage
- 4 small potatoes
- 2 marrow bones
- juice of ½ lemon
- 8 slices French bread, from a baguette, if possible
- 15g/½oz butter
- 1 quantity sauce Albert

Cut the oxtail into four serving pieces, through the joints. Roughly de-vein the shin of beef and tie up with string. Trim the ox tongue and remove any gristle if necessary. Put the three meats in an earthenware *fait-tout* or a copper casserole, place under cold running water and leave to soak for about one hour. Blanch for a few minutes, then refresh in cold water.

To cook the meats: pour the chicken stock into the casserole or *fait-tout* and add a little salt and the peppercorns. Set over high heat and, as soon as it comes to the boil, put in the oxtail, tongue and shin of beef. Lower the heat to below boiling point (about 90C/200F) and simmer, skimming the surface as necessary.

Meanwhile, cut one onion into three, but do not peel it. Roast in the oven or grill it until brown. Peel the second onion and stud it with the cloves. Set aside. When the meats have been cooking for half an hour, add the browned onion, the clove-studded onion, then the celery root, the unpeeled garlic bulb and the bouquet garni. Simmer for 2½ hours.

Peel and wash the vegetables. Leave the cabbage in one piece and split the leeks down the middle. Wrap the carrots and turnip in separate pieces of muslin. Tie the leeks and cabbage into bundles. When the meats have been cooking for 2½ hours, add all the vegetables except the potatoes to the casserole and cook for 30 minutes. Put the potatoes into a small saucepan with a little of the cooking liquid (bouillon) and cook for 15 minutes.

Place the marrow bones in a saucepan, cover with a little bouillon and add the lemon juice. Simmer gently for 20 minutes.

Lightly butter the bread slices and grill until golden.

To serve: skin the tongue and cut off four good slices, reserving the rest. Slice the shin of beef. Lay the slices in a deep earthenware or china dish and arrange the vegetables in attractive bunches around the edge. Serve the potatoes separately in a vegetable dish. Pour some of the piping hot bouillon over the meat and vegetables.

Remove the marrow from the bones and season lightly with salt and pepper. Spread the marrow on the grilled bread and serve separately on a plate. Serve the sauce Albert in a sauceboat.

The remaining bouillon can be served plain, as a rich soup, at another meal.

It is difficult to find a wine companion to boiled beef and vegetables, but we recommend a Bordeaux wine from either St Emilion or Médoc.

Sauce Albert
(serves 4)

- 150g/5oz fresh horseradish, grated
- 200ml/8fl oz chicken stock or cooking liquid from the pot au feu
- 200ml/8fl oz double cream
- 40g/1½oz fresh white breadcrumbs
- 1 egg yolk
- 1tsp English mustard

Combine the horseradish and chicken stock or liquid in a saucepan. Bring to the boil, then lower the heat and cook gently for 15-20 minutes.

Rub the sauce through a fine sieve, using a pestle or a plastic pastry scraper. Return the sauce to the pan and stir in the cream. Set over a low heat and reduce by one third. Beat in the breadcrumbs, stirring continuously with a whisk.

Boil the sauce for a few minutes; it should have the consistency of thick gravy. Take the pan off the heat, stir in the egg yolk and mustard and season with salt and pepper.

Sables aux fraises
(Strawberry shortbread)
(serves 6)

- 800g/1lb 12oz strawberries
- 500ml/1pt strawberry coulis
- 800g/1lb 12oz shortbread dough
- pinch of flour
- 1 egg yolk, beaten with
- 1tbsp milk, to glaze

You can use either wild strawberries or raspberries instead of strawberries, depending on their availability and on your preference. This recipe may be prepared well in advance of the meal, but do not assemble the shortbreads until just before serving, as the *coulis* will soften the pastry and it will lose its wonderful crumbliness.

If you prefer, instead of glazing the pastry tops, you can sift a little icing sugar over them and garnish each with a strawberry.

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F, gas 6. On a lightly floured marble or wooden surface, roll out the pastry to a thickness of about 2mm (1/12in). Cut out 18 circles with a plain round 10cm (4in) pastry cutter and arrange them on a baking sheet.

Brush six circles with the egg wash. Decorate them as you like, or draw lines with the back of a small knife or a fork.

Bake all the shortbread circles in the preheated oven for about 8 minutes. When they are cooked, allow to cool slightly, then use a palette knife to transfer them to a wire pastry rack and keep cool.

Wash the strawberries if necessary, hull and either halve them or leave whole, depending on their size. Roll in two-thirds of the strawberry *coulis*, then keep in the refrigerator.

To serve: place an unglazed shortbread base on each plate. Spread over a few strawberries, place a second shortbread circle on top, add another layer of strawberries and top with a glazed shortbread circle. Serve the remaining strawberry *coulis* separately in a sauceboat.

A wine from the region of Sauternes would match this dish.

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BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

DAMAGE (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

A FEW GOOD MEN (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson; director, Rob Reiner. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

HELLRAISER III: HELL ON EARTH (18): Clive Barker's Pinhead monster returns for more bizarre carnage. Director, Anthony Hickox. **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

HONEYMOON IN VEGAS (12): Private eye Nicolas Cage tries to save girlfriend from gambler James Caan's clutches. Agreeable, old-fashioned screwball comedy. Director, Andrew Bergman. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

LEON THE PIG FARMER (15): Jewish lad discovers his embarrassing pedigree. Exuberant British comedy that gets unduly silly. Mark Frankel, Brian Glover; directors, Vadim Jean, Gary Sinyor. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Everyman** (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

THE LIVING END (18): HIV-positive road movie from American independent Gregg Araki. Insolent and powerful. With Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561).

LORENZO'S OIL (12): Gruelling real-life tale of parents battling to alleviate their son's terrible illness. Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon, Zach O'Malley Greenburgh; director, George Miller. **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

MEAN STREETS (18): Scorsese's breakthrough film of 1973 still roars with life. Harvey Keitel and Robert De Niro play hoods and wastrels from New York's Little Italy. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999).

RESERVOIR DOGS (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi. **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT (PG). Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ROMPER STOMPER (18): Neo-Nazi skinheads on the rampage in Melbourne. Dangerously flashy debut by Australian director Geoffrey Wright. With Russell Crowe. **Prince Charles** (071-437 8181).

SNIPER (15): Tom Berenger and Billy Zane as US snipers in the Panama jungle. Visually taut, but wooden dialogue. Director, Luis Llosa. **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

UNDER SIEGE (15): US battleship gets hijacked, but Steven Seagal saves the day. Familiar antics, with juicy villainy from Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey. Director, Andrew Davis. **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426-914 501).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THEATRE

LONDON

ALFIE: Bill Naughton's hit show returns to the West End after 30 years, starring and directed by Adam Faith. Love and allied troubles in the early 1960s. **Queens**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Preview, Mon, 8pm, opens Tues, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, 3pm, Sat 4.30pm.

LE CIRQUE INVISIBLE: Victoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierrée return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers in an exotic, engaging new family show. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Final week.

CYRANO DE BERGERAC: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

DIVINE WORDS: Loose Change Company present the English premiere of mysterious play by Ramon del Valle Inclan: a beautiful girl and a dwarf escape their village for the wild world of the fairground. **BAC**, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (071-223 2223). Previews Tues, Wed, 8pm, opens Thurs, 8pm, then Tues-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 6pm.

ENNIO MARCHETTO: The master of quick-change cabaret. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm.

HAMLET: Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. Uncut version. **Barbican**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 12.30pm, 6.30pm, Mon-Wed, 6.30pm, mat Wed, 12.30pm.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Maggie Smith heads a marvellous cast, Alex Jennings, Richard.E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack et al. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Now previewing Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, opens Mar 9, 7pm.

KING BABY: The miseries of alcoholism and how only religion can help, according to author James Robson. Earnest stuff. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm, 7.15pm, Mon, Tues, 7.15pm.

MISERY: Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

NO MAN'S LAND: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting. **Comedy**, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

QUICK! A WEEKEND OF LIVE ART: This event at the South Bank Centre gives a quirky glimpse of some things going on in this field. A giant sand horse, using seven and a half tons, will be created in the Festival Hall; a pyramid of video screens turns into a waterfall; an automatic shredding machine (bring your own paper) will do its stuff. On Saturday at the Purcell Room (8pm) Annie Griffin, the queen of subversive chic, presents *How to Act Better*, a tongue-in-cheek demonstration of the art. On Sunday at the Purcell Room (8pm) there is a comedy/dance double-bill of Bobby Baker and Fiona Wright. **South Bank**, SE1 (071-928 2252), today and tomorrow.



Subversive chic: Annie Griffin gives a stylish performance as part of Quick! A Weekend of Live Art (see Theatre)

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Bill Alexander's first production for the Rep: Jeffery Kissoon, Hilton McRae and Alex Kingston in *Othello*. **Repertory Theatre**, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Previews from Fri, 7.30pm, opens Mar 9, 7.38pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Thurs. 2.30pm.

EDINBURGH: Fiona Bell plays the resourceful heroine in Goldoni's *Mirandolina*, newly translated by Ranjit Bolt. **Royal Lyceum**, Grindlay St (031-229 9697). Free preview, Thurs, 7.45pm, opens Fri, 7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat (Mar 13 and 20), 3.15pm.

LEICESTER: Rory Edwards and Kathryn Hunter in Julia Bardsley's last main house production here: a *Macbeth* focussing on the supernatural aspects. **Haymarket**, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Previews today, Mon, 7.30pm, opens Tues, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat, Sat, 3pm.

LIVERPOOL: Second half of the successful New Works season starts off with Gregory Motton's black comedy *A Message for the Broken-Hearted*: a menage à trois complicated by the presence of one girl's father. **Playhouse**, Williamson Square (051-709 8363). Previews from Fri, 7.45pm, opens Mar 9, 7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm.

MANCHESTER: Gregory Hersov's Mobile Theatre production of *The Comedy of Errors*, set in modern times, plays here for a month before setting off on tour in May (joined by Jules Feiffer's *Little Murders*). **Royal Exchange**, St Ann's Square (061-833 9833). Preview Wed, 7.30pm, opens Thurs, 7.30pm, then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats, Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

DANCE

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: One of the great partnerships in British ballet is reunited in Gillian Lynne's *A Simple Man* when Christopher Gable and Lynn Seymour take on the roles of the artist L.S. Lowry and his mother. The ballet, based on Lowry's life, has been one of the most successful in Northern Ballet Theatre's history. Two new ballets will receive their world premiere on the same bill: Derek William's jazzy *Extenzion*, and *D'Ensemble* by Graham Lustig. The Leeds season launches the company's 1993 BT National Tour. **Grand Theatre**, New Briggate, Leeds, (0532 459351/440971), tonight, 7.30pm, Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Thurs, next Sat, 2.30pm.

COMPAGNIE PHILIPPE GENTY: This popular French troupe returns to Sadler's Wells with the British premiere of *Forget Me Not*, which promises more of the Genty magic. Theatrical illusion, dance and puppets are used to create a dream-like world of unreality. **Sadler's Wells Theatre**, Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1 (071-278 8916), Tues to Mar 13, 7.30pm.

SPRING LOADED: The annual festival of contemporary dance continues with a mixed bag this week. On Monday, choreographers Fin Walker and Lucy Fawcett share an evening of new work, Walker contributing a piece that looks at child abuse and Fawcett one about waiting, patience and expectation. On Tuesday, the Karen Greenhough Dance Company explores the soul of the misfit and the following night, the Italian Laura Guarnera teams up with Birmingham's Danai Guy for *Just Because You Don't See Enough*. Nomads Dance Company rounds off the week with *No Means No*, which looks at the myths surrounding sexual violence towards women. All performances 8pm. **The Place Theatre**, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031).

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

ELVIS COSTELLO/BRODSKY QUARTET: In an intriguing collaboration, one of the most consistently inventive of rock musicians joins one of the most dynamic of string quartets to perform a jointly-composed, song sequence, *The Juliet Letters*. **Theatre Royal**, Drury Lane, London, WC2 (071-494 5000), tomorrow, 8pm.

FESTIVAL OF BRITTEN: This week's programme includes a concert tomorrow in the Barbican Hall (7.30pm) which focuses on Britten's early career, with four works — the *Simple Symphony*, the Piano Concerto, *Les Illuminations* and the *Sinfonia da Requiem* — written between 1934 and 1940. Mstislav Rostropovich conducts the LSO, with Arleen Auger (soprano) and Barry Douglas (piano) the soloists. On Thursday (Barbican Hall, 7.30pm), Rostropovich steps down from the podium to give a cello recital which includes two of the pieces written for him by Britten. **Barbican**, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), tomorrow, Thurs, 7.30pm.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Simon Rattle conducts an imaginative 1920s programme that contrasts a Frenchman's view of America (Varèse's extraordinary *Amériques*) with an American's view of France (Gershwin's *An American in Paris*). The other works performed are Shostakovich's First Symphony and Berg's Three Fragments from *Wozzeck* (with Elise Ross as Marie). The two Brimingham performances are separated by a London concert. **Birmingham**, Symphony Hall (021-212 3333), Tues, Thurs, 7.30pm. **London**, Festival Hall (071-928 8800), Wed, 7.30pm.

OPERA

L'ASSEDIO DI CALAIS: The enterprising opera department of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama presents the belated British premiere of Donizetti's 49th opera, complete with its Act III ballet, to be performed by students from the London Contemporary Dance School. Stephen Medcalf directs. Clive Timms conducts. **Guildhall School of Music and Drama**, Barbican, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Wed, Fri, 7pm (two more perfs, Mar 8 and 10).

LA FAVORITA: Donizetti's grand romantic opera has not been seen in Britain since 1960. Welsh National Opera's new production is directed by Rennie Wright and designed by John Gunter, with costumes by Terry Frances Parr based on pre-Raphaelite paintings. Carlo Rizzi conducts. **New Theatre**, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), Fri, 7.15pm.

ROCK

JOAN BAEZ: The folk singer and political activist has been pleasing audiences since her debut at the 1959 Newport Folk Festival. Her latest album, *Play Me Backwards*, shows that her voice is as strong as ever. **Jongleurs Club**, Camden, London, NW1 (071-267 1999), Wed, 7.30pm.



Going strong: enduringly successful singer Joan Baez

TASMIN ARCHER: Having reached number one with "Sleeping Satellite" and collected a Brit award for Best Newcomer, the Bradford singer now has to keep up the momentum. These timely gigs should help. **Glasgow**, Pavilion (041-332 1846), tomorrow, 7pm. **Manchester**, Free Trade Hall (061-236 7110), Mon, 7.15pm. **Nottingham**, Theatre Royal (0602 482525), Tues, 7pm. **Newcastle**, Tyne Theatre and Opera House (091-232 0899), Wed, 7pm.

EDDI READER, BOO HEWERDINE, CLIVE GREGSON: The crystal-voiced singer, still best known from her days with Fairground Attraction, teams up with longtime colleagues Hewerdine (of The Bible) and Gregson (Richard Thompson's sidekick last year) to produce some refreshingly dynamic Nineties folk. **Manchester**, Royal Northern College of Music (061-273 4504/5534), Wed, 7.30pm. **London**, Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800), Fri, 7.15pm.

SAINT ETIENNE: This band, carried by the sweet, silvery voice of Sarah Cracknell, provide perfect pop nostalgia with a welter of 1970s references on their new album, *So Tough*. **Leicester**, University (0533 556282), today, 9pm. **Cardiff**, University (0222 387421), tomorrow, 7.30pm. **Leeds**, Polytechnic S.U. (0532 430171), Tues, 7.30pm. **Hull**, University (0482 466264), Wed, 7.30pm. **Equinox**, London (071-437 1446), Thurs, 11pm. **Portsmouth**, South Parade Pier (0705 297311), Fri, 8pm.

JAZZ

BARRY GUY AND THE JAZZ COMPOSERS ORCHESTRA: This big band brings together some of the finest improvising musicians, Evan Parker and Paul Rutherford among them, to provide unnerving, other-worldly but majestic free jazz. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Thurs, 7.15pm.

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE JAZZ FESTIVAL: The inimitable clarinettist Acker Bilk, trumpeter Kenny Ball and the exuberant Temperance Seven are among the highlights at this intimate south coast gathering. **Plymouth Pavilions**, Plymouth (0752 229922), Fri, next Sat and Sun.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

SERGEI CHEMIK: The leading Russian emigré artist's first London show in two years reflects strongly the effect of his recent life in Paris and travels in Spain. But the strong element of Russian grotesque is still there in his images of Quasimodo's Paris, the bars of Pigalle and his continuing variations on the idea of the ship of fools, with himself often figuring as Petrouchka. **Roy Miles Gallery**, 29 Bruton Street, W1 (071-495 4747). Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Wed to Apr 7.

THE ART OF WATERCOLOUR: People forget that the Royal Watercolour Society has been there almost as long as the Royal Academy: it was in fact founded in 1804 by dissident RAs who felt their favoured medium was insufficiently regarded by the senior institution. In 1990 the society's collection of more than 800 watercolours was placed on long-term loan with the BM; this show picks a hundred of the most notable, from Clarkson Stanfield to Patrick Prockter. **British Museum**, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Apr 25.

THE GLASS SHOW: A part of the overall craft revival which has been very prominent since the 1960s is the making of art works in glass. This retrospective covers the 25 years from the arrival of Sam Herman at the Royal College and his introduction of techniques which enabled designers to work with the hot glass themselves. This changed the face of British glass-making, and opened the way to such figures as Steven Newell, Diana Hobson and Rachel Woodman. **Crafts Council Gallery**, 44A Pentonville Road, N1 (071-278 7700). Tues-Sat, 11am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until Mar 7.

THE GREAT AGE OF BRITISH WATERCOLOUR: This important show reveals that between 1750 and 1880 much of the most innovatory work was done in watercolour. Some 300 works by the most famous British watercolourists prove the point. **Royal Academy of Arts**, Piccadilly, London, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Apr 12.

BRITAIN'S FIRST VIEW OF CHINA: The first ambassador from the British to the Chinese court arrived in Jehol at the summer residence of the emperors in 1793. The impact of the visit on both sides was considerable: Lord Macartney took along a talented artist, William Alexander, to record all they saw. This show evokes the occasion through drawings and engravings by Alexander, documents and artifacts of the time. **British Museum**, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-323 8525). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Apr 4.

REGIONAL

ROY LICHTENSTEIN: Still thought of primarily as the daring young man who rode to fame on the strip cartoon redefined as high art, Lichtenstein in the last 30 years turned into a grand old man of American painting. His irresistible rise is chronicled in an imposing retrospective designed to prepare the way for his 70th birthday in October. **Tate Gallery Liverpool**, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051-709 0507). Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm, until Apr 18

NATURE'S WAY: Johan Christian Dahl and his pupil Thomas Fearnley are considered the founders of Norwegian landscape art. Neither actually spent much time painting in Norway, both training and patronage leading them to Copenhagen, Germany, Italy, and (in Fearnley's case), England. But Dahl's small oil sketches recall Constable, and Fearnley's vivid Italian scenes sometimes attain a degree of detail Ruskin would have admired. **Whitworth Art Gallery**, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm (Thu to 9pm), until Mar 27

SOL LEWITT — DRAWINGS 1958-1992: Not only the most famous American Minimalist, but inventor of the term Conceptual Art, Lewitt seems to combine in himself most of the things traditionalists most distrust. However, his works on paper are very approachable. He does them himself — sometimes, admittedly, as blueprints from which his assistants can carry out his large-scale abstract wall-pieces — and though in some of the earlier he uses photographs and collage, about 350 of them show in general his exquisitely sensitive response to colour and texture. **Museum of Modern Art**, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 722733). Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm (Thurs to 9pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Mar 28.

CIVIL WAR: The Royal Armouries, England's oldest museum, has mounted its first touring display. King Charles I's gilt armour forms the centrepiece of the show which includes more than 60 prize items. Sponsored by *The Times*, the display is being complemented by the Corinium's own assemblage of local exhibits. **Corinium Museum**, Park Street, Cirencester (0285 655611). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Mar 28.

BOOKINGS

WOZZECK: National Theatre director Deborah Warner will apply her talents to opera when she makes her debut with Opera North in Leeds in May. Her choice is Alban Berg's harrowing drama, *Wozzeck*, based on Georg Büchner's 1837 play. **Leeds**, Grand (0532 459351), May 13, 15, 18, 21. **Manchester**, Opera House (061-236 9922), May 27. **Nottingham**, Theatre Royal (0602 482626), Jun 4. **Hull**, New Theatre (0482 226655), Jun 10. **Sheffield**, Lyceum (0742 769922), Jun 17.

JOSE CARRERAS: The tenor returns to the Albert Hall on May 12 to perform a selection of his favourite songs by Puccini, Verdi and Tosti. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-823 9998) or Ticketmaster (071-344 4444).

ST PETERSBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: As part of a UK tour, the orchestra performs Tchaikovsky's Fantasy-Overture from *Romeo and Juliet*, Rachmaninov's Symphony No 3 and Glazunov's Violin Concerto in A minor with Maxim Fedotov. **Barbican**, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Mar 15. Other dates include: **Hull**, City Hall, (0482 226655), Mar 9; **Newcastle**, City Hall, (091-261 2060), Mar 10; **Birmingham**, Symphony Hall, (021-212 333), Mar 11; **Bradford**, St George's Hall, (0274 752672), Mar 12; **Westcliff on Sea**, The Cliffs Pavilion (0702 351135), Mar 13; **Reading**, Hexagon, (0734 591591), Mar 16; **Bristol**, Colston Hall, (0272 223686), Mar 17; **Sheffield**, City Hall, (0742 735295), Mar 19; **Leeds**, Town Hall, (0532 476962), Mar 20; **Coventry**, Warwick Arts Centre (0203 524524), Mar 21; **Northampton**, Derngate Centre (0604 24811), mar 22; **Nottingham**, Royal Concert Hall, (0602 482626), Mar 23; **Portsmouth**, Guildhall, (0705 824355), Mar 24; **Plymouth**, Plymouth Pavilions, (0752 229922), Mar 25.

SCOTTISH BALLET: Robert Cohan is choreographing the company's first production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Mendelssohn's music is supplemented by music specially composed by Barrington Pheloung, best-known for his work on Inspector Morse. **Glasgow**, Theatre Royal, (041-332 9000), Mar 19-27. **Aberdeen**, His Majesty's Theatre, (0224 641122), Mar 29-Apr 3. **Liverpool**, Empire Theatre, (051-709 1555), Apr 6-10. **Hull**, New Theatre, (0482 226655), Apr 27-May 1. **Edinburgh**, King's Theatre, May 4-8. **Inverness**, Eden Court Theatre, (0463 221718), May 11-15.

NEW VIDEOS

AUNT JULIA AND THE SCRIPTWRITER (Entertainment Video, 12): Zestful treatment of Mario Vargas Llosa's multi-layered novel, with Keanu Reeve as the gauche kid who falls for his feisty aunt (Barbara Hershey) while a soap opera writer (Peter Falk) weaves magic spells. Director, Jon Amiel. 1990.



Gauche: Reeves in Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter

BADLANDS (Tartan Video, 18): Terrence Malick's stunning tale of two criminal runaways, told with such haunting lyricism that we never worry about its sketchy characters. With Martin Sheen and Sissy Spacek (then unfamiliar), and a memorable soundtrack drawn from Satie and Carl Orff. 1973.

CELIE AND JULIE GO BOATING (Connoisseur, 15): Jacques Rivette's lengthy conundrum, filled with larkish high spirits, phantom ladies in a haunted house, and intoxicating narrative games. With Juliet Berto, Bulle Ogier and Marie-France Pisier. 1974.

MATADOR (Tartan Video, 18): Murder, high fashion, and anti-Catholic jibes from Pedro Almodovar, with Assumpta Serna and Nacho Martinez as a chic lawyer and bullfighter obsessed with love and death. Released in a package with Almodovar's book *Patty Diphusa*. 1986.

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music, Opera:** Ian Brunskill; **Rock, Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Heather Alston

EVENINGS OUT

AMANDA WAKELEY DRESS DESIGNER



"I would like to see Sharon Gless in *Misery* [at the Criterion until March 20]. For her role she had to go through a lot of personal suffering, which included putting on copious quantities of weight. It's a huge commitment for a woman to do that to herself, so I'd be fascinated to see her performance. I doubt I'd be feeling very hungry afterwards so I'd go for a late night drink at Morton's [members only]. The bar there reminds me of New York, where I once lived. I went to see the film *Damage* recently. Since I come from a very close family myself, I found it rather depressing to see one family member destroying another two by his obsessive actions. It was brilliantly acted, particularly by Miranda Richardson, but I'm afraid it was a case of silly sex scenes. Yes, the whole cinema was laughing when it wasn't meant to be ... A film I really did enjoy was *A Few Good Men*. I was interested to see the combination of Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson. It's very much a 1990s movie about not letting greedy power seekers win — if it had been made in the 1980s I expect Jack Nicholson would have been allowed to get away with everything ..."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

SPILLSPILLING

(a) Repeatedly spilling, a reduplication of *spill*; James Joyce, *Ulysses*, a nonce-word or *hapax legomenon*, as far as I know: "Advances with a tilted dish of spillspilling gravy." Effective, hein?

ETOURDERIE

(b) Thoughtlessness, carelessness, blundering, from the French word: David Hume: "By this *étourderie*, to give it the lightest name, you were capable of making a quarrel between me and that irascible little man." Jane Austen, *Mansfield Park*: "Henry is blameless, and in spite of a moment's *etourderie* [sic] thinks of nobody but you."

LANGSUIR

(a) A female vampire with a whinnying cry, that preys on newborn children, from the Malay: "The Malayan vampire family includes the Langsuir, the spirit of a woman who died after hearing that her child was stillborn, known by her green robe, her tapering nails of amazing length and her long black hair which conceals a hole in the back of her neck through which she sucks the blood of children."

POSTUREPEDIC

(a) The proprietary name of a Sealy mattress designed to give proper support to a relaxed body, from *posture* + *(ortho)pedic*: "Choose your Posturepedic at one of these fine sleep centres." "He staggered down the hall to his Posturepedic."

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7.25 News and weather (3890027) **7.30 Henry's Cat.** Feline fun (r) (6347621) **7.35 Wiz Bang.** Early morning fun (s) (7838805) **7.50 Littl' Bits.** Cartoon adventures with the forest pixies (r) (9970756) **8.10 Eggs 'n' Baker.** Cheryl Baker prepares a feast fit for a Roman (s) (5007008) **8.35 Tom and Jerry: Greatest Hits** (r) (1103379)
9.00 Going Live! Phillip Schofield and Sarah Greene are joined by Jeremy Jackson, Charles and Eddie, Esther Rantzen and Jonathon Porritt (s) (78187992) **12.12 Weather** (9738602)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up includes (subject to alteration): **12.20** Football Focus: with Bob Wilson and Alan Hansen; **12.50** News; **12.55, 1.25, 1.55** and **2.25** Racing from Haydock Park: Petros Victor Ludorum Hurdle **(1.00)**; East Lancs Chase **(1.30)**; Greenalls Gold Cup (Handicap) Chase **(2.00)**; Ladbroke Racing Handicap Hurdle **(2.30)**; **1.10** Boxing: Frank Grant defends his British middleweight title against John Aston at St George's Concert Hall in Bradford; **1.40, 2.10** and **2.40** Bowls: The pairs final of the World Indoor championship from Preston; **2.55** and **3.55** Rugby League: live coverage of the match between Leeds and Castleford from Headingley; **3.45** Football half-times; **4.35** Final score (25596244)
5.15 News with Moira Stuart. Weather (1123027)
5.25 Regional news and sport (2329060). Wales (until 6.00): Wales on Saturday
5.30 That's Showbusiness. Steve Wright and Derek Fowlds take on Jenny Lecoat and Nicholas Parsons in the celebrity panel game presented by Mike Smith. (Ceefax) (s) (843)
6.00 Noel's House Party. Noel Edmonds is joined by Jim Bowen and Anthea Turner receives her "Gotcha Oscar" (s) (714282)
6.55 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. In the last of the series, the magician presents an open air illusion and introduces the Bauers Troupe from Germany. (Ceefax) (s) (863282)
7.50 Auntie's Bloomers. Terry Wogan dips into the BBC's archives and chooses a selection of comic television gaffs (121244)
8.40 Birds of a Feather. A repeat showing of the first series of the comedy following the fortunes of the Essex girls (Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson) with the jailed husbands (r). (Ceefax) (s) (233398)
9.10 News and sport with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (444176)



Hospital fire: Cathy Shipton and Derek Thompson (9.30pm)

9.30 Casualty. In the last of the series young arsonists threaten the lives of the staff when they start a fire in the basement. Starring Derek Thompson and Cathy Shipton. (Ceefax) (s) (398176)
10.20 That's Life presented by Esther Rantzen (819379)
11.00 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of two of this afternoon's Premier League matches. The commentators are John Motson and Barry Davies (s) (220466)
12.05am Film: Foreign Body (1986). Benign and traditional British comedy starring Victor Banerjee as an Indian immigrant who arrives in England and poses as a doctor. Directed by Ronald Neame (s) (165157). Wales: That's Showbusiness 12.35 Film: Foreign Body
1.55 Weather (9867683)

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6.40 Open University: Chemicals in the Home (4076485) **7.05** Maths (2512898) **7.30** Technology (5176756) **8.20** Biology (5094534) **8.45** An Historian at work (1190805) **9.10** Lake Ecology (9008992) **9.35** Scientific Experiments (3450973) **10.00** Pilgrimage (6312485) **10.25** Death and Dying (3597447) **10.50** Art: eminist Strategies (1070824) **11.15** Information Technology (3468737) **11.40** Education for All (4351263) **12.05** The Enlightenment (6768466) **12.30** Manufacturing Materials (3050718) **12.55** Modern Art: Paris and the Impressionists (5274553) **1.20** Running the Country (98391621) **1.45** History of Technology (78539244) **2.10** An Introduction to Psychology (83381468) **2.35** Questions about Animal Behaviour (2552824)
3.00 Film: Witness for the Prosecution (1957, b/w). Stylish but over-extended screen adaptation of Agatha Christie's courtroom drama, with strong performances from Charles Laughton, Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich. Directed by Billy Wilder (82686756)
4.55 World Bowls. The Pairs final in the Midland Bank World Bowls championships from the Guild Hall in Preston (s) (5780737)
6.00 Late Again. Highlights from the week's editions of *The Late Show* (s) (611756) **6.40 Scrutiny.** The work of the parliamentary select committees (805824)
7.10 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather (135355)
7.20 Sounds of the Seventies. Vintage pop with 10cc, the Carpenters, Abba, Sparks and Steve Harley and Cockney Rebel (s) (765945)
8.00-1.45am Birthnight. A celebration of the miracle of birth (131466)
8.05 Conceptions and Misconceptions. Thora Hird looks at birth traditions — old wives' tales or wise lore? (416534)
8.25 Labour of Love
● CHOICE: Steve Humphries, who made *The Secret World of Sex*, uses the same technique of interviews with ordinary people to explore the British experience of parenthood in the first half of the century. It promises to be another outstanding series, offering fresh and first-hand evidence on a little-charted subject. This opening film is about childbirth and baby care and it presents a disturbing picture. Many women knew nothing about having children, husbands offered little help in looking after them and one baby in six died before its first birthday. Ignorance about contraception led to huge families. One couple's solution was to sleep in separate beds. They still had eight children. Spliced between the interviews, clips from old health education films provide a feast of patronising commentary and stilted acting. (Ceefax) (207398)
9.10 Wax After Birth. Ruby Wax returns to St Mary's Hospital in London to relive her experiences of pregnancy and birth (442718)
9.30 Special Deliveries. The first of three visits to the maternity unit at London's Homerton Hospital (785060)
9.45 The American Way of Birth. The author Jessica Mitford examines some of the bizarre aspects of birth in America (603992)
10.10 Born to be Wild. How the animal kingdom copes with birth (585282) **10.30 Special Deliveries.** Part two (178824)
10.40 Robin Williams — Proud Father. A short sketch featuring the American comic actor (451669)
10.45 It's Alright Darling, I'm Here. The birth experience as seen through the eyes of men (962244)
11.15 Special Deliveries. Part three (795640)



Devilish neighbour: Ruth Gordon, Mia Farrow (11.25pm)

11.25 Film: Rosemary's Baby (1968).
● CHOICE: The *Birthnight* evening ends on a macabre note with Roman Polanski's tale of devilry and witchcraft in 1960s New York. Unlike many examples of the demonic possession genre, *Rosemary's Baby* keeps the horror under control and conjures menace from an everyday setting. Mia Farrow plays the brittle Rosemary who moves with her actor husband (John Cassavetes) into an old apartment block with a dubious reputation and sinister neighbours. Rosemary becomes pregnant and soon wishes she hadn't. It was Polanski's first American film and he handles it with cool assurance. He also wrote the script, closely following the novel by Ira Levin. There are splendid supporting contributions from the Hollywood veterans Ruth Gordon (who won an Oscar), Sidney Blackmer and Ralph Bellamy (81351350). Ends at **1.45**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8939244)
9.25 What's Up Doc? presented by Yvette Fielding, Andy Crane and Pat Sharp (s) (37309008)
11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. Includes reviews of *Honeymoon in Vegas* and *Lorenzo's Oil* (8534)
12.00 The ITV Chart Show. Featuring the Bangles performing "Walk like an Egyptian" (s) (49244)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (48025466) **1.05 London Today** (48024737)
1.10 European Champions League Special. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves look at the prospects for Rangers in the European Champions Football League (90130805)
1.40 WCW Worldwide Wrestling from America (8678973)
2.30 Snooker. Nick Owen presents coverage of the Wickes British Open from the Assembly Rooms in Derby (13334350)
4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (4835843)
5.00 London Today and Sport (1113640)
5.10 Baywatch. The perfectly formed lifeguards of Los Angeles county parade the beaches in search of disaster. Mitch and Garner attempt to solve a young athlete's murder. (Teletext) (s) (1869718)
6.00 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays Cupid to more hopeful romantics and discovers how last week's winners fared on their dates. (Teletext) (s) (78756)



Comedy turn: Michael Barrymore and mime artists (7.00pm)

7.00 Barrymore
● CHOICE: Michael Barrymore hosts another amateur talent show. That it is often a lack of talent show hardly matters because Barrymore is one of those entertainers who can conjure something out of almost nothing. He reminds you of Bruce Forsyth, another comedian with the popular touch who years ago fashioned an effective comic turn out of hanging up a drip-dry shirt. Barrymore's show has much of the same flavour. The best item tonight is not the tubby French mime artists with their whipping routine, or the would-be Shirley Temple from Peterborough or the old Scotsman in his flat hat spouting poetry what he wrote himself. It is Barrymore going among the studio audience, bringing them to their feet and getting them to belt out "Ma, He's Making Eyes at Me". He almost convinces you that it is spontaneous (736824)
7.45 Inspector Morse: Cherubim and Seraphim. John Thaw as the dour detective investigates the death of a young girl and is led into the world of house parties and raves (r). (Teletext) (s) (775485)
9.45 Tarrant's 10 Years on TV. Chris Tarrant takes an irreverent look at the world's television over the past decade (s) (975718)
10.15 The Big Fight — Live. Jim Rosenthal introduces live coverage of the match for the vacant British heavyweight title between Herbie Hide and Michael Murray from Goresbrook Leisure Centre in Dagenham. The commentators are Reg Gutteridge, Jim Watt and Riddick Bowe (s) (441992)
11.05 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (807824)
11.25 Snooker. Nick Owen presents further coverage of the Wickes British Open from the Assembly Rooms in Derby (911027)
1.00am Film: Help! (1965). The Beatles star in this zany comedy-musical shown to celebrate George Harrison's fiftieth birthday. Ringo is in danger when a religious sect pursue him for a sacrificial ring. Directed by Richard Lester (795848)
2.40 Film: A Hard Day's Night (1964, b/w). Hectic fictional account of three days in the life of the Beatles. Stuffed with classic numbers and directed by Richard Lester (300515)
4.20 Rock Sport with Thierry Renault (97972393)
4.35 BPM. The latest dance music (4508480)
5.30 ITN Morning News (55157). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (5847114) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules.** Cartoon fun with the cat and dog (8742756) **6.40 Alfred J Kwak.** Tales of a musical duck (4061553) **7.05 Kideo.** How to recycle teenagers (s) (4539737) **7.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors** (r) (4307244) **8.00 Saved by the Bell.** Schoolroom drama (49756) **8.30 High 5.** BMX (48027)
9.00 News (3491282) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (4049398)
10.00 Trans World Sport. International sporting news (60398)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne takes his weekly look at the Italian league (40534)
12.00 Road Dreams. More footage of Elliott Bristow's 14-year sojourn in America (r) (s) (42843)
12.30 Songs and Memories. Actress and activist Shabana A'Zmi talks to Zarmine Sarfaraz about her career (68379)
1.00 Film: No Sad Songs for Me (1950, b/w). Sentimental wallow starring Margaret Sullavan as a woman determined that her husband and daughter will not discover that she only has months to live. Directed by Rudolph Maté (96405621)
2.40 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton introduced by Derek Thompson. **3.00** Tote Placepot Hurdle; **3.35** Mitsubishi Shogun "Pencil" Trophy Novices' Chase; **4.10** Racing Post Chase Handicap; **4.40** Rendlesham Hurdle (49370640)
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (7555447)
6.30 Right To Reply. The public give its reactions to *Free For All*'s anti-angling film and viewer Sarah Brignal does a masterclass on how to behave as a guest on *The Late Show*. (Teletext) (s) (718)
7.00 A Week in Politics. Sir Patrick Mayhew, MP, the Northern Ireland secretary, is interviewed on his future plans for the province; plus the legal wrangle over a new amendment to the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty (4440)
8.00 Adventures: Into the Great Solitude. Naturalist Robert Perkins voyages 700 miles over 72 days by solo canoe along Canada's toughest waterway, facing ice-covered lakes and the harsh tundra (r). (Teletext) (6060)



Memoirs: Rosemary Harris and former husbands (9.00pm)

9.00 Tales from the Hollywood Hills: The Old Reliable. Lynn Redgrave and Rosemary Harris star in P.G. Wodehouse's story about two sisters battling over a book of kiss-and-tell memoirs (r). (Teletext) (6824)
10.00 Saturday Zoo. Ben Elton joins Jonathan Ross as his special guest this week (s) (8897027)
11.05 Ready Steady Go! (b/w). Nostalgic look at the sixties music scene, featuring the Moody Blues, Dusty Springfield, Gene Pitney, the Rolling Stones and the Who (472282)
11.40 Adult Oprah: Mothers Who Molest. Oprah Winfrey talks to those whose lives have been affected by female sexual abuse (s) (451824)
12.30am Film: Over the Brooklyn Bridge (1984). Frenetic comedy starring Elliott Gould as a Jewish café owner whose rich uncle (Sid Caesar) offers financial help towards a new restaurant — but only if he marries a distant cousin (Carol Kane). Directed by Menahem Golan (50312)
2.30 The Word (r) (s) (97190). Ends at **3.30**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Danger Bay (96398) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (67737) **7.00** Fun Factory (7479195) **12.00** Barnaby Jones (98176) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (73404) **2.00** Greenacres (7466) **2.30** Facts of Life (3756) **3.00** Cartoons (18824) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (97331) **5.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (7963) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (85060) **7.00** Knights and Warriors (39805) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (48553) **9.00** Cops I (26843) **9.30** Cops II (97805) **10.00** All American Wrestling (38176) **11.00** Saturday Night Live (92517) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (87640) **6.30** News and Business Report (318027) **9.30** Nightline (23945) **10.00** Dayline (49331) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (73737) **11.00** Dayline (41391) **11.30** Getaway (77195) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (44089) **1.30** The Reporters (45718) **2.30** Nightline (62602) **3.30** Those Were The Days (88911) **4.30** Getaway (1534) **5.00** Live at Five (74737) **6.30** Fashion TV (70621) **7.30** The Reporters (2263) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (78824) **10.30** The Reporters (98466) **11.30** Fashion TV (68737) **12.30am** Getaway (84393) **1.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (77886) **2.30** Fashion TV (69918) **3.30** Target (64461) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (80206) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (79751)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (32398)
8.00 The Last Escape (1970): Stuart Whitman attempts to smuggle a scientist out of Germany (73398)
10.00 The One and Only (1978): Henry Winkler as a wrestler (11485)
12.00 Smokey and the Bandit II (1980): Comedy with Burt Reynolds (58621)
2.00pm Stroker Ace (1983): Burt Reynolds as a racing car driver (52756)
4.00 Kiss Shot (1989): Whoopi Goldberg plays pool (42364805)
5.50 End of the Line (1987): Two railroad workers steal a train engine (16697089)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (651485)
8.00 Kindergarten Cop (1990): Arnold Schwarzenegger goes undercover (44737)
10.00 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991): Cyborgs Robert Patrick Harris and Arnold Schwarzenegger travel back in time to determine humanity's future (31569398)
12.15am Cecilia: Adult drama (754190)
1.50 Revenge (1990): Kevin Costner betrays his friend, Anthony Quinn (12898225)
4.00 The Dark Side of the Moon (1990): Astronauts discover a parasitic alien life force (70022). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.30pm Raffles (1940, b/w): David Niven as the gentleman cat burglar (30843)
6.30 The Thousand Plane Raid (1969): Second world war drama (45114)
8.00 Reflections in a Golden Eye (1967): Marlon Brando as a repressed homosexual army sergeant (35027)
10.00 Water (1985): Comedy about a British colony in the Caribbean. Starring Michael Caine (655737). Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.10am Ghost in the Invisible Bikini (1966): Comedy with Tommy Kirk (7342843)
7.40 Beach Party (1963): Fun and music with Frankie Avalon (42877008)
9.25 The Distant Home (1990): A girl is destined to rule the galaxy (33444486)
11.10 1001 Nights (1945): Adventure based on the *Arabian Nights* fables (20376718)
1.00pm On the Waterfront (1954): Drama about corruption in New York harbour. Starring Marlon Brando (55992)
3.00 It's a Bikini World (1967): Tommy Kirk tries to win Deborah Walley (35389485)
4.50 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989): Rick Moranis stars as a suburban inventor (62323602) **6.30 Xposure:** Film news (8447)
7.00 Edward Scissorhands (1990). Fairy-tale starring Johnny Depp (90553)
9.00 Class Action (1991): Gene Hackman *and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as father* and daughter, and rival lawyers (34350)
11.00 Heaven Tonight (1987): John Waters as an aging rock star (657282)
12.40am Child of Darkness, Child of Light (1991). Horror story (4760848)
2.10 Winter People (1989): Kurt Russell befriends outcast Kelly McGillis (780577)
4.05 Crime and Punishment (1935, b/w): Dostoevsky's classic (1093664)
5.35 Robotech II: The Sentinels: Science-fiction cartoon (4387312). Ends at **6.25**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Fishing the West (10909) **7.00** US PGA Golf: Los Angeles Open (18973) **9.00** Gillette Sports (52843) **9.30** The Boot Room (28195) **10.30** Sky Soccer Update (75973) **11.30** NHRA Drag Racing (56008) **12.00** WWF Wrestling (86398) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (4456282) **6.00** Goal — Fifa Quiz (6485) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (7737) **7.00** WWF Mania (80553) **8.00** Bull Riders (66973) **9.00** US PGA Golf: Los Angeles Open (89060) **11.00** Muscle Night (38737) **12.00** Ringside (68044) **2.00-2.30** Fishing the West (63751)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Ford Ski Report (27843) **9.00** Nordic Skiing (69331) **10.30** Alpine Skiing (42911) **12.00** Nordic Skiing (96263) **2.00pm** Het Volk Cycling (91089) **3.30** Tennis (80824) **5.00** Euroscores (1969718) **5.05** Alpine Skiing (3751195) **5.30** Nordic Skiing (4640) **6.00** Handball (797485) **9.00** Tennis (924282) **11.30-12.00** Euroscores (10981)

SCREENSPORT

7.00am NHL Review (99060) **8.00** NBA Basketball (19114) **10.00** Auto Action: Miami Grand Prix (28350) **11.00** Gillette Sports (46821) **11.30** NBA Action (47350) **12.00** Pro Kick (77640) **1.00pm** PGA Golf (819282) **3.30** Gol (3215963) **4.50** Skiing (59213447) **6.30** Ice Racing (10263) **7.30** Grundig Adventure Sport (4263) **8.00** Purex Tennis (68331) **10.00** Skiing (87466) **11.00** Volvo PGA Golf (36379) **12.00** Ice Racing (68062) **1.00am** Purex Tennis (87916) **3.00** Ladies Pro Ten Pin Bowling (58139) **4.00-6.00** Basketball Bundesliga (56747)

UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (38686331) **6.15** Button Moon (38614114) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1413485) **7.00** Hot Dog (3646602) **7.30** Owl TV (3685737) **8.00** Lassie (5247534) **8.30** Rentaghost (5246805) **9.00** The Raccoons (5260485) **9.30** Bucky O'Hare (5828350) **10.00** Jem (1404737) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (5266669) **11.00** Film. Million Pound Note (1954) starring Gregory Peck (7075485) **12.30pm** *Film: Just My Luck (1957, b/w) with* Norman Wisdom (21718909) **2.15** Bless This House (9194176) **2.45** EastEnders Omnibus(76366008) **5.30** Swallows and Amazons Forever! (3177911) **6.00** Campion (5847485) **7.00** Bless This House (7064466) **7.30** Till Death Us Do Part (3154080) **8.00** Bergerac (3976008) **9.00** The Lotus Eaters (3958244) **10.00** Film: Carry on Camping (7136089) **11.30** Happy Families (1493621) **12.00** Three of a Kind (7112408) **12.30-1.45am** In Concert: Richard Marx (37615770)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.40-4.40 Snooker (19399973) **5.00-5.10** Anglia News (1113640) **1.00** Hollywood Report (41003) **1.30** Kojak (24770) **2.30** BPM (26008) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (5131848) **4.25** Metallica (97980312) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6470480)

BORDER

As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport: Kick Off (6593089) **2.05-4.40** Granada Sport: Action — Snooker (53439640) **5.00-5.10** Border News (1113640) **1.00** Hollywood Report (41003) **1.30** Kojak (24770) **2.30** BPM (26008) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (5131848) **4.25** Metallica (97980312) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6470480)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.40-4.40 Snooker (19399973) **5.00** Central News (2335621) *5.05-5.10 The Central Match — Goals Extra* (2334992) **1.00** Film: Firecreek (261954) **2.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2890190) **3.25** America's Top Ten (60931770) **3.55** Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight (88629770) **4.25** Jobfinder (6704472) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye

GRANADA

As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport: Kick Off (6593089) **2.05-4.40** Granada Sport: Action — Snooker (53439640) **5.00-5.10** Granada News and Goals Extra (1113640) **1.00** Hollywood Report (41003) **1.30** Kojak (24770) **2.30** BPM (26008) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (5131848) **4.25** Metallica (97980312) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6470480)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.40-4.40 Snooker (19399973) **5.00-5.10** HTV West News and Sport (1113640) **1.00** Hollywood Report (41003) **1.30** Kojak (24770) **2.30** BPM (26008) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (5131848) **4.25** Metallica (97980312) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6470480)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 5.00-5.10 HTV Wales News and Sport

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.40-4.40 Snooker (19399973) **5.00** Meridian News (2335621) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (2334992) **4.20** *America's Top Ten (34147770)* **4.45-5.30** Monster Trucks (1813225)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.40-4.40 Snooker (19399973) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (1113640) **1.00** Coach (41003) **1.30** The Law and Harry McGraw (4544003) **2.25** BPM (3270515) **3.25** The Little Picture Show (6564206) **4.25-5.30** Cue the Music

ULSTER

As London except: 5.00 UTV Live (2335621) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (2334992) **1.00** Hollywood Report (41003) **1.30** Kojak (24770) **2.30** BPM (26008) **3.30** Little Picture Show (5131848) **4.25** Metallica (50416770) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (53770)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 11.30-12.00 Anybody Out There? (8534) **1.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (5194640) **2.20-4.40** Snooker (79252832) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (1113640) **1.00** Hollywood Report (41003) **1.30** Kojak (24770) **2.30** BPM (26008) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (5131848) **4.25** Metallica (97980312) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6470480)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.40-4.40 Snooker (19399973) **5.00-5.10** Calendar News (113640) **1.00** Coach (41003) **1.30** The Law and Harry McGraw (4544003) **2.25** BPM (3270515) *3.25 The Little Picture Show* (6564206) **4.25-5.30** Cue the Music (6704472)

S4C

Starts: 7.05 Kideo (4539737) **7.35** Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (4307244) **8.00** Saved by the Bell (49756) **8.30** High 5 (48027) **9.00** News (3491282) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (4049398) **10.00** Trans World Sport (60398) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia — with Paul Gascoigne (40534) **12.00** The Wonder Years (42843) **12.30** Hog Heaven (68379) **1.00** Film: The Rains Came (96405621) **2.40** Channel 4 Racing (49370640) **5.05** Brookside (7555447) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (958640) **6.35** Now You're Talking (810756) **7.00** News (658263) **7.20** Traed Oer (226911) **7.50** I Dir Dryglonl (147282) **8.40** Tocyn Tymor (268534) **9.30** Benny Hill (71843) **10.00** Saturday Zoo (8897027) **11.05** Ready Steady Go! (472282) **11.40** Adult Oprah (437244) **12.25** Whose Line Is It Anyway? (7219225) **12.55** Close

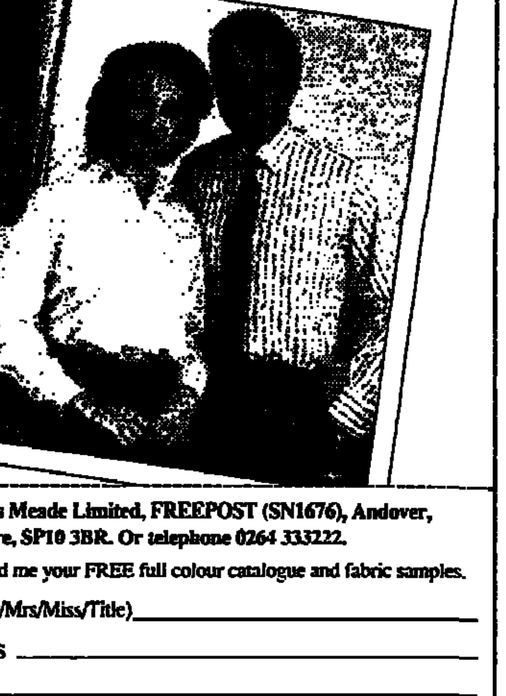
RTE 1

Starts: 11.45 Oireachtas Report (42724737) **12.05** The Real Ghostbusters (64816911) **12.30** Race To Save the Planet (4142824) **1.30** Flambards (4143553) **2.30** News (4053447) **2.35** Little House on the Prairie (3631331) **3.25** Film: The Winslow Boy (53564758) **5.30** Cairde Na Coille (5767553) **6.00** The Angelus (7678114) **6.01** News (7908718) **6.15** Mailbag (3436911) **6.40** R.., the Game (2606060) **7.10** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2315195) **8.00** Secrets (9287008) **9.00** News (5312398) **9.15** Party Political Broadcast (Progressive Democrats) (4875242) **9.20** Kenny Live (57162331) **10.45** Reasonable Doubts (9289553) **11.40** News (8963973) **11.45** Film: Promises To Keep (5520447) **1.20** A Prayer at Bedtime (7507954) **1.25** Close

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Record Producers: Brian Eno **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.00** The Saturday Rock Show **6.30** The Knowledge. Alan Freeman investigates the secrets of the music industry **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **4.00am** Bill Rennells **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Brian Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** For Better or For Worse (r) **2.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Fats Domino at 65 **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** Joe Brown in Concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London **7.00** I've Heard That Song Before **7.30** Concert Classics **8.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (as 2pm) **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Noon. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Tales of the Texas Rangers **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as R4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five. Football: Manchester Utd v Middlesbrough, Norwich v Blackburn, Aston Villa v Wimbledon; Rugby Union: Pilkington Cup quarter-finals; Rugby League. Silk Cut Challenge Cup, third round; Athletics: AAA Indoor championship; Racing from Kempton: **3.00** Tote Placepot Hurdle, **3.30** Mitsubishi Shogun Pencil Trophy, **4.00** *Racing Post* Chase **5.00** Sports Report **6.05** Sax-O-Sax **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** On the Level **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** People and Politics **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Worldbrief **9.30** Personal View **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Jazz Now and Then **10.15** Letter from America **10.30** Waveguide **10.40** Book Choice **10.45** From the Weeklies **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** Club 648 **2.15** Personal View **2.30** Sportsworld **3.00** News **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** Personal View **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe This Weekend **8.55** European Sports News **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Words of Faith **11.10** Book Choice **11.15** A Jolly Good Show **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Ken Bruce Show **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: In the Native State (1) **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Gods, Guides and Gurus **3.00** *News* **3.10** *News About Britain* **3.15** *Sports Roundup* **3.30** From Our Own Correspondent **3.50** Write On **4.00** News **4.15** Inside the Photograph Album

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic CD Countdown **12.00** Michael Mappin **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera: Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* **10.00** Classic Quiz **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Mystery Plays **6.55** Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Moniuszko (Overture, Winter's Tale: Pomeranian Philharmonic, Bydgoszcz, under Robert Satanowski); Mozart (Trio in E flat, K498, Kegelstatt: Karl Leister, clarinet, Wolfram Christ, viola, James Levine, piano); Ravel (Suite, Ma mère l'oye: Duo Crommelynck, piano duo); Bach (Concerto for violin and oboe, BWV 1060: Nicholas Daniel, oboe; Scottish Ensemble under Jonathan Rees, violin); Hindemith (The Four Temperaments: Howard Shelley, piano; BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier); Offenbach (Tales of Hoffmann, Act 2 Finale: Leipzig Radio Chorus; Dresden Staatskapelle under Jeffrey Tate, with Eva Lind, soprano, Anne Sofie von Otter, mezzo, Francisco Araiza, tenor) **9.00 News**
9.05 Record Review continues with Anthony Burton. **Building a Library:** includes reviews of Mozart (Violin Concerto No 5 in A, K219); Anthony Davis's opera on Malcolm X; and Anne-Sophie Mutter playing violin concertos by Berg and Rihm. **10.35 Record Release:** *Fred Lerdahl (Waves: Orpheus* Chamber Orchestra); Anthony Davis (X, The Life and Times of Malcolm X — excerpt: Soloists; Episteme Ensemble; Orchestra of St Luke's under William Henry Curry); Celso Garrido-Lecca (String Quartet No 2: Latin-American Quartet); **11.43** Bernard Keeffe picks the best of Decca's reissues from the second world war, and introduces Berlioz (Overture, Benvenuto Cellini; Paris Conservatoire Orchestra under Charles Munch)
1.00pm News
1.05 Scotland's Music: John Purser presents the fourth of five programmes. Marie McLaughlin, soprano, Malcolm Martineau, piano, Hebrides Ensemble perform John Thomson (Piano Trio in G minor; Bagatelle; Mazurka; *Drei Lieder; Yes! Thou Must* Sigh); James Hogg, arr James Dewar (Lie Still My Love); Hamish MacCunn (O Would That I Again Could See; I Will Think of Thee, My Love; Song of the South; In the Glen); A.C. MacKenzie (Piano Quartet in E flat)
3.00 The Koussevitzky Legacy: Humphrey Burton presents the fifth of a 12-part series. In the second of three programmes of music from the Boston Symphony Orchestra's fiftieth anniversary season, the composer Harold Shapero recalls Hindemith's teaching at Tanglewood. Hanson (Symphony No 2, Romantic); Hindemith (Konzertmusik, Op 50); Honegger (Symphony No 1); Gershwin (Second Rhapsody); Stravinsky (Symphony of Psalms)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion: Chris Cook and Jude Kelly discuss regional theatre, including new productions at Nottingham, Leicester and Norwich
6.30 Live from the Met: Metropolitan Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Nello Santi performs Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana.* With Waltraud Meier, soprano, as Santuzza; Bruno Beccaria, tenor, as Turiddu; Timothy Noble, baritone, as Alfio; Wendy White, mezzo, as Lola; and Judith Christin, mezzo, as Mamma Lucia. **7.56** The Metropolitan Opera Quiz. Followed at **8.25** by Leoncavallo's *I Pagliacci.* With Juan Pons, baritone, as Tonio; Vladimir Atlantov, tenor, as Canio; Barbara Daniels, soprano, as Nedda; Kim Josephson, baritone, as Silvio; and Anthony Laciura, tenor, as Beppe
9.50 Dancing on a Tightrope: Richard Mayne reassesses the life of Jean Cocteau, the poet, draughtsman, novelist, collaborator and friend of Picasso and Diaghilev. With contributions from film historian Michel Ciment, author and screenwriter Jacques Fieschi and writer Edmund White
10.30 Straight Face: Geoffrey Smith introduces a concert recorded by the group last October at the Junction, Cambridge, and *talks to the bass player Mick* Hutton. With Claire Martin, vocals, Iain Ballamy, saxophones, Nikki Iles, piano, and Steve Arguelles, drums
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Sport on 4, *with Cliff Morgan*
9.30 Breakaway: Bill Oddie on the delights of Costa Rica
10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin and guests
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box, presented by Alison Mitchell
12.25pm Just a Minute! Nicholas Parsons challenges Clement Freud, Paul Merton, Jim Sweeney and Peter Jones to talk non-stop for 60 seconds **12.55** Weather **1.00 News**
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby ...joined in Grimsby, Humberside, by Peter Luff, director of the European Movement; Sir Charles Powell, businessman and former adviser to Margaret Thatcher; Mary Tuck, chairwoman of Victim Support, and Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Playhouse: Short the Season, by Mike McGrath. Olive, wife of kennel huntsman Bert, strongly opposes fox-hunting and precipitates a crisis for the hunt. With James Laurenson and Ann Rye (r)
3.45 My Four Green Fields: Connaught — Taum. The third of four talks about life in Ireland by the novelist Joseph Hone (r)
4.00 News; Age to Age: Christopher Cook considers how the British monarchy is perceived by its subjects, and discusses the relationship between church and state
4.30 Science Now
5.00 Costing the Earth: Vaughan Purvis joins members of a Los Angeles police force which specialises in enforcing California's draconian anti-pollution legislation
5.25 Fourth Column 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and **Sports Round-Up**
6.25 Week Ending (r)
6.50 On the Ropes: Former boxer George Walker (r)
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Classically White
● CHOICE: It cannot be insignificant that not one of the contributors to Jo Shinner's enquiry into the under-employment of black classical musicians in Britain flatly denies that a pro-white bias is operating. However, it is difficult to prove — as is stated tonight — that to get jobs in the top orchestras, a black musician has to be at least 300 per cent better than a white applicant. And if there is no formal musical apartheid, why was it that one musician who managed to get into a London orchestra was told: "Now that you've got a job, don't go telling all your friends!"?
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Unreasonable Behaviour. Christopher Reason's play about the fall of an ambitious local councillor won the 1992 Writers' Guild New Play Award. With Russell Dixon as Alan and Siriol Jenkins as Judy (r)
9.20 Music in Mind, presented by Brian Kay
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Open Mind, with Sarah Baxter and Henry Porter
10.45 Eve and Adamson Again: More stories from an unlikely marriage, written and read by Leonard Barras
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with John Morton and Cynthia Millar, who play the ondes martenot (r)
11.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World: The human mind (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

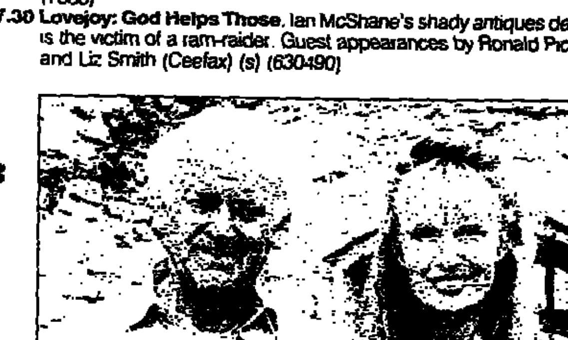
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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.00 Felix the Cat. Feline fun (5349848) **7.15 Smoggies** (6017206) **7.40 Playdays** (r) (9918916) **8.00 Superbods.** Blood (r) (5906138)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost (576913) **9.15 People on the Way.** Linda Mary Evans visits Anglesey on the first leg of her journey for Lent through Wales, Scotland and Ireland (s) (4083732)
10.00 See Hear! A discussion on bilingualism as the tool for educating deaf children. With signing and subtitles (s) (58935)
10.30 Japanese Language and People (r) (28393). Wales: Computing for the Terrified **11.00 Computing for the Terrified.** Drama-documentary series for those who live in fear of computers (s) (3041). Wales (to 12.30): See You Sunday
11.30 Off the Back of a Lorry Last in the series (r) (4770)
12.00 Advice Shop Welfare rights magazine (r) (19645)
12.30 Country File with John Craven (3029848). Wales: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (98043022)
1.00 News (48090770) **1.05 On the Record.** John Patten, the education secretary, talks to Jonathan Dimbleby (6561480)
2.00 EastEnders Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (59664)
3.00 Film: The Tamarind Seed (1974). Polished but lightweight romantic thriller starring Julie Andrews as a British widow on holiday in Barbados who falls in love with a Russian agent (Omar Sharif). Directed by Blake Edwards (72747)
5.00 The Clothes Show. Includes a look at Hong Kong fashion designer Pui Lam, who has achieved success despite being profoundly deaf (s) (4643041)
5.25 Antiques Roadshow. Hugh Scully and his experts visit Aberdeen. (Ceefax) (s) (4634026)
6.10 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (566732)
6.25 Village Praise Pam Rhodes begins a six-part exploration of modern village life with a visit to Hillsborough, near Belfast. (Ceefax) (s) (781503)
7.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Roy Clarke's amiable comedy series starring Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7886)
7.30 Lovejoy: God Helps Those. Ian McShane's shady antiques dealer is the victim of a ram-raider. Guest appearances by Ronald Pickup and Liz Smith (Ceefax) (s) (630490)

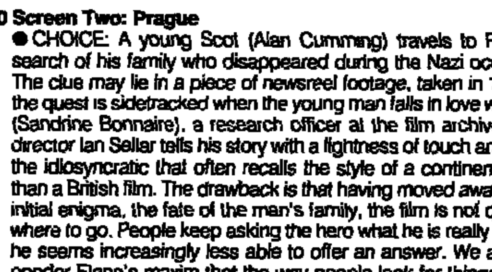


French retreat: John Thaw and Lindsay Duncan (8.25pm)

8.25 A Year In Provence
● CHOICE: The much-heralded adaptation of Peter Mayle's best-seller finally hits the screen and looks set to provide dependable entertainment over the next 12 Sunday evenings. Mayle is the advertising executive who quit the rat race and went to live with his wife in a French farmhouse. He is played by John Thaw, recently retired as Inspector Morse. His Mayle is less grumpy and more credible. Lindsay Duncan is Mrs Mayle. It is January and the couple have just arrived. Provence is not quite the paradise they expected. The Mistral gets up, the pipes freeze and the lights fall. The running joke, rather overdone, is that the Mayles have little French and none of the locals speaks English. A collection of small, everyday incidents hardly adds up to great drama. But it is all very likable and the scenery is wonderful. (Ceefax) (s) (998022)
8.55 One Foot in the Grave. The irascible Victor Meldrew is summoned for jury service and ends up on trial. (Ceefax) (s) (246206)
9.25 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (817119)
9.40 Mastermind comes from Rugby School and features specialist questions on Malcolm X, the canals of England and Wales, Joseph Conrad and the Great Northern railway (s) (433206)
10.10 Everyman: Too Many People. The McMillan family from London sponsor Bangladeshi child Mukul Begum, paying out £12 a month and receiving progress reports in return. Is it realistic for them to believe they are investing in her future? (r). (Ceefax) (645867)
10.50 Winning. Small business expert David Hall advises John Marshall, the man behind Durham Pine (r) (s) (742393)
11.20 Famously Fluent. Photojournalist Mohamed Amin can converse in 14 languages. (Ceefax) (889577)
11.25 The Seaside Trains. In the first of three programmes, Gwyn Richards tells the story of the West Somerset railway (r) (484886)
11.55 Weather (293916)

BBC2

6.15 Open University. Running the Country (5884645) **6.40** Mathematics: Reflecting on Conics (4043157) **7.05** Music. Score Reading (6817008) **7.30** Personality Development: Mothers and Babies (4380577) **7.55** Pilgrimage: The Shrine at Loreto (9928393) **8.20** From Child to Pupil (5061206) **8.45** Education for All (1167577)
9.10 Christopher Crocodile (r) (9252916) **9.15 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9074935) **9.40 Time Busters** Fantasy game (3457886) **10.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6388428) **10.30 Century Falls** Drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4350515) **10.55 Blue Peter Omnibus.** (Ceefax) (s) (3370683) **11.45 The O-Zone.** Music magazine featuring Vaness Paradis (s) (2657770)
12.00 Thunderbirds. Classic puppet series (r). (Ceefax) (1085549)
12.50 Millennium: Tribal Wisdom and the Modern World. David Maybury-Lewis looks at the plight of the indigenous Canadians and their struggle to keep their own distinctive culture (5424549)
1.45 World Bowls. Dougie Donnelly introduces coverage of the singles final of the Midland Bank World Indoor Championship from the Guild Hall in Preston (s) (66379409)
2.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (4312) Wales: Week In Week Out. Northern Ireland: Duil Sa Duira 2.15 Start Your Own Religion
2.30 World Bowls. Dougie Donnelly introduces further coverage (s) (86906157)
4.35 Ski Sunday. The women's downhill from Veysonnaz in Switzerland (1075515)
5.10 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights of the Pilkington Cup matches between West Hartlepool and Wasps and Waterloo and Harlequins (s) (5687645). Wales: Llanelli v Newbridge, Pontypool v Pontypridd
6.10 The Natural World: The Little Creatures who Run the World. Professor Edward Wilson presents an insight into the hidden, violent and highly organised world of ants. (Ceefax) (s) (162916)
7.00 The Money Programme. Steve Annett reports on the plunging profits and boardroom disagreements which are bedevilling Lucas Industries (115428)
7.40 The Adventurers. In the last in the series, the providers turn borrowers when Grosvenor Venture Managers needs more capital. (Ceefax) (s) (526886)
8.20 Dancing: The Individual and Tradition. How a handful of choreographers, such as Isadora Duncan, Katherine Dunham and George Balanchine, have altered preconceptions about dance (s) (410886)
9.20 Did You See..? Jeremy Paxman and his guests Raymond Blanc, Ken Livingstone, MP, and Catrina Skepper review *A Year in Provence, Life* and *40 Minutes: I Won't...I Can't* (s) (991157). Wales: In Search of Schubert



Czech mate: Sandrine Bonnaire, Alan Cumming (10.00pm)

10.00 Screen Two: Prague
● CHOICE: A young Scot (Alan Cumming) travels to Prague in search of his family who disappeared during the Nazi occupation. The clue may lie in a piece of newsreel footage, taken in 1941. But the quest is sidetracked when the young man falls in love with Elena (Sandrine Bonnaire), a research officer at the film archive. Writer-director Ian Sellar tells his story with a lightness of touch and feel for the idiosyncratic that often recalls the style of a continental rather than a British film. The drawback is that having moved away from its initial enigma, the fate of the man's family, the film is not quite sure where to go. People keep asking the hero what he is really after and he seems increasingly less able to offer an answer. We are left to ponder Elena's maxim that the way people look for things is more important than what they find. (Ceefax) (s) (41954)
11.30 The Dave Thomas Show. The American comedian is joined by Catherine O'Hara (159848). Wales: Did You See..? 12.05 The dave Thomas Show 12.30-1.55 Film: The Phenix City Story
11.55 Film: The Phenix City Story (1955, b/w). Taut, fact-based story of a lawyer who attempts to break the reign of mob violence in an Alabama town. Starring Richard Kiley and Edward Andrews and directed by Phil Karlson (452634). Ends at **1.25am**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (54479312)
8.55 Disney Club with Andrea Boardman, Richard Orford and Paul Hendy (82148480)
10.45 Link Sian Vasey concludes her report on the need for legal protection for disabled people (Teletext) (9288461)
11.00 Morning Worship from Penrhys Uniting Church, Rhondda (91138)
12.00 This Sunday. Paul Heiney presents a new magazine show looking at topical and entertaining religious stories (37041)
12.30 Crosstalk. Steven Norris, MP, minister for transport in London, faces questions from the capital's commuters. (s) (55935)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (80124225) **1.10 Walden.** Brian Walden talks to the shadow home secretary, Tony Blair, about the alarming increase in crime (s) (3794732)
2.00 The London Match. Jim Rosenthal introduces highlights of yesterday's league action (s) (44732)
3.00 Snooker. Coverage of the Wickes British Open continues into the fifth round with Dennis Taylor playing James Wattana and Steve Davis against Steve James (92225)
4.30 A Tribute to Bobby Moore narrated by Brian Moore (190)
5.00 Wish You Were Here..? Includes a French cookery course and a safari in Morocco's Atlas Mountains (r) (2190)
5.30 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game (770)
6.00 London Tonight with Fiona Foster (201393) **6.20 News** with Julia Somerville Weather (117515)
6.30 Murder, She Wrote The first in a new series of tongue-in-cheek thrillers starring Angela Lansbury. Jessica launches an investigation to clear Sheriff Metzger of murder. (Teletext) (670645)
7.25 Watching. Paul Bown and Emma Wray star in Jim Hitchmough's comedy about a mismatched pair of birdwatchers. Brenda's mother is searching for a new home for Malcolm. (Teletext) (251683)

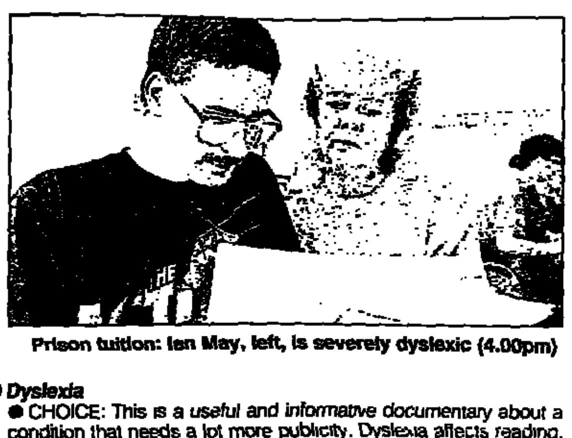


Doubles: Christina and Katherine Giles play twins (7.55pm)

7.55 The Darling Buds of May. The first in a new series of the comedy-drama starring David Jason and Pam Ferris. Pop packs the twins off to boarding school. (Teletext) (s) (729770)
8.55 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (530157)
9.20 Agatha Christie's Poirot: Dead Man's Mirror. The dapper Belgian detective has a long list of suspects when an art dealer dies in suspicious circumstances. (Teletext) (991022)
10.20 Hale and Pace. Gareth and Norman with more of their rugged humour (639616)
10.50 The South Bank Show
● CHOICE: Jean Genet had quite a CV. He was a thief, a deserter, a novelist, a dramatist and a political campaigner. He was delighted when Hitler invaded France in 1940. He was accused of peddling pornography and boasted of committing murder. Even more important, according to the American writer Edmund White, is that Genet was homosexual. White's portrait, linked to a forthcoming biography, is that of an admirer. Himself homosexual, White celebrates Genet as a "great figure of gay culture". Shot mainly in Paris, the film is an unstructured ramble through Genet's colourful life, not caring too much about chronology and tending to take its subject's stature for granted. Although Genet is much talked about he is very little seen. The programme contains no film of him and few photographs. Was he that camera-shy? (524935)
11.50 Encounter: Close Encounters with the New Age. Fearing an increase in paganism, Kevin Logan, vicar of Christchurch, Accrington, sets out on a journey to research the New Age (894409)
12.20am Snooker. Nick Owen introduces further coverage of the Wickes British Open from Derby (2243913)
1.30 Cue the Music with the jazz singer Roy Ayres (8951389)
2.30 TXT. Chart show (32555)
3.30 Snooker. Jimmy White plays James Wattana in the European Snooker League (34623)
5.30 ITN Morning News (41246). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (1858747) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules** (7088119) **7.05 Widget** (s) (8512436) **7.30 Sandokan.** Animated adventures (73732) **8.00 The Hammerman.** Cartoon (1531312) **8.25 The Finder.** Drama series (5055645) **8.50 Dennis** (r) (2782683) **9.00 Tintin** (22119) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (6989003)
9.45 Flipper. Adventures of the friendly dolphin (806190)
10.15 The Miraculous Mellops. Australian fantasy drama (838799)
10.45 Land of the Giants American science-fiction series (r) (793468)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. The trials and tribulations of a close-knit family living in the American mid-west (r) (126472)
12.45 Journey to the Jade Sea. Andrew Hartley crosses one of the hottest regions of the world, the Suguta Valley in north-west Kenya. His goal is Lake Rudolph, known as the Jade Sea (r) (347157)
1.45 Football Italia. AC Milan v Sampdona (72294577)



Prison tuition: Ian May, left, is severely dyslexic (4.00pm)

4.00 Dyslexia
● CHOICE: This is a *useful* and *informative* documentary about a condition that needs a lot more publicity. Dyslexia affects reading, writing and spelling and some two million people in Britain suffer from it. Among the prison population the proportion is as high as 45 per cent and in many cases dyslexia has helped to contribute to the life of crime. As well as stressing the extent of the problem, the programme emphasises how little is known about it. A man in his seventies, who had been hounded at school, muffed exams and gone through life with a sense of failure, discovered he was a sufferer only when the condition was diagnosed in his grandson. Even when dyslexia is discovered early on, finding treatment can be difficult. Dyslexics need special teaching but local authority provision is patchy and private tuition expensive (7003)
5.00 Mondrian. Animation by Sheila Graber (1188954)
5.10 News and weather (2324515)
5.15 High Interest: Closing the Watford Gap. Although the south has been hit harder by the recession than the north, will the north/south divide open up again once recovery comes? (s) (1835751)
6.00 Moviewatch. Includes an interview with Billy Zane, star of *Sniper* (s) (225)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American life in the early seventies as seen through the eyes of a teenage boy. (Teletext) (577)
7.00 Fragile Earth: Tree Police. Every London borough employs tree officers. It is their duty to keep the peace between those who hate trees and those who love them, and to take action should a tree be under threat. (Teletext) (8225)
8.00 Opinions: Britain 1993. The second of five programmes in which contributors give their opinions on the state of Britain. Tonight Professor Brian Cox attacks the national curriculum (6916)
8.30 Benny Hill Compilations. Comedy highlights. (Teletext) (8751)
9.00 Lipstick on Your Collar. Part two of Dennis Potter's challenging drama of sex, class and imperial pretension in 1950s Britain, using the popular songs of the period. (Teletext) (s) (2472799)
10.10 Film: Castaway (1987). Oliver Reed and Amanda Donohoe star in the fact-based story of a couple who spend a year on a tropical island and see their relationship gradually deteriorate. Directed by Nicolas Roeg (s) (79568393)
12.20am Film: Sango Malo, Maître Du Canton (1991). The season of African cinema continues with this drama from Cameroon about a new teacher who wants to widen the knowledge of his students but comes into conflict with a rigid colonial administrator. In English, French and African dialects with English subtitles. Directed by Bassek Ba Kobhio (614246). Ends at **2.05**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Food Guide (3014916) **2.00** Wrestling (8138) **2.30** Snooker (724480) **5.00-5.30** Candid Camera Classics (2190) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (201393) **1.30** Quiz Night (2482517) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2485604) **2.25** Film: Take It Easy (411333) **4.00** Entertainment UK (7709772) **4.55-5.30** America's Top Ten (9347975)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardener's Diary (3014916) **2.00** Wish You Were Here..? (8138) **2.30** Snooker (724480) **5.00** Scotsport (1225) **6.00-6.20** The Border Week (562916) **1.30** Quiz Night (2482517) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (24852517) **2.25** Film: Take It Easy (411333) **4.00** Entertainment UK (7709772) **4.55-5.30** America's Top Ten (9347975)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time (3014916) **2.00** Wrestling (7583139) **2.45** The Central Match — Live (13328799) **5.00** Bullseye (2190) **5.30** Snooker (841886) **6.15-6.20** Central News (196022) **1.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (8951389) **2.25** Cue the Music (5666517) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (1046492) **4.25** Jobfinder (8413178) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2330401)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25-1.00 What the MPs Say (6726480) **2.00** The A-Team (9264770) **2.55** The Granada Match - Live. Tranmere Rovers v Newcastle United (58127041) **5.15** Coronation Street (953867) **6.15-6.20** Granada News (196022) **1.30** Quiz Night (2482517) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2485604) **2.25** Film: Take It Easy (411333) **4.00** Entertainment UK (7709772) **4.55-5.30** America's Top Ten (9347975)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30-1.00 HTV Newsweek (56935) **2.00** Get Wet (8138) **2.30** Snooker (724480) **5.00** Wrestling (1849954) **5.45** Bullseye (714770) **6.15-6.20** HTV West News (196022) **1.30** Quiz Night (2482517) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2485604) **2.25** Film: Take It Easy (411333) **4.00** Entertainment UK (7709772) **4.55-5.30** America's Top Ten (9347975)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00 Playback

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30 Meridian This Week (5235864) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (30202206) **2.00** Stunt Masters (8138) **2.30** Snooker (724480) **5.00** Rock Sport (7870312) **6.15** Bullseye (722799) **5.45** Loud and Clear (714770) **6.15-6.20** Meridian News (196022) **1.30** ITV Chart Show (41739) **2.30** Film: Pick Up Artist (54642) **4.00** The Pier (3095642) **4.35** Videofashion (79832178) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (66246)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25 Tyne Tees News Review (6742428) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (3020206) **2.00** For Real (8138) **2.30** Snooker (2517751) **2.55** The Tyne Tees Match: Tranmere Rovers v Newcastle United (58118393) **5.20** Bullseye (4649225) **5.50-6.20** Tyne Tees Today Special (726886) **1.30** Quiz Night (42642) **2.05** Film: Heera Panna (12234623)

ULSTER
As London except: 12.25-1.00 Gardening Time (6726480) **2.00** Bon Voyage (8138) **2.30** Snooker (724480) **5.00** Police Six (7870312) **5.15** Coronation Street (8456312) **6.15-6.20** UTV Live (196022) **1.30** Quiz Night (2482517) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2485604) **2.25** Film: Take It Easy (411333) **4.00** Entertainment UK (7709772) **4.55-5.30** America's Top Ten (9347975)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Westwise (3014916) **2.00** Westcountry Update (8138) **2.30** Snooker (724480) **5.00** Cartoon Time (7870312) **5.15** Bullseye (722799) **5.45** On the Road to the Islands (714770) **6.15-6.20** Westcountry Weekend Latest (196022) **1.30** Quiz Night (2482517) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2485604) **2.25** Film: Take It Easy (411333) **4.00** Entertainment UK (7709772) **4.55-5.30** America's Top Ten (9347975)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25 The Littlest Hobo (6742428) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (30202206) **2.00** For Real (8138) **2.30** Snooker (724480) **5.00** Cartoon (7861664) **5.20** Bullseye (4649225) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (726886) **1.30** Quiz Night (42642) **2.00** Zara Dhyan Dein (3727420) **2.05** Film: Heera Panna (12234623) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder

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Starts: 7.30 Sandokan (73732) **8.00** Hammerman (1531312) **8.25** The Finder (5055645) **8.50** Dennis (2782683) **9.00** Jeifin (3994931) **9.35** Dennis (6997022) **9.45** Flipper (806190) **10.15** Miraculous Mellops (838799) **10.45** Land of the Giants (793468) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (126472) **12.45** Slarad Plaen (3033041) **1.10** Magic Roundabout (48089664) **1.15** Miracle at Tendeno (182022) **1.45** Football Italia (72294577) **4.00** Fragile Earth (7003) **5.00** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol (6472) **5.30** Pobol Y Cwm (33878515) **7.15** Bwrw'r Sul (721003) **8.05** Hel Straeon (933577) **8.35** Lleifior (753138) **9.35** Newyddion (787684) **9.40** Saith Diwrnod Ar Y Sul (159732) **9.55** The New Statesman (716041) **10.25** Film: The Gunfighter (3192134) **11.55** The Prisoner (947157) **12.50** High Interest (8228081) **1.30** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (53225) **7.00** Fun Factory (7218935) **11.30** The World Tomorrow (97026) **12.00** Lost in Space (89916) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (98664) **2.00** Trapper John (99206) **3.00** Eight is Enough (97062) **4.00** UK Top 40 (22157) **5.00** All American Wrestling (8157) **6.00** The Simpsons (18428) **7.00** 21 Jump Street (31393) **8.00** Lonesome Dove: Third of a four-part mini series (51157) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (30654) **11.00** Fashion TV (23886) **11.30** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (89138) **8.30** News and Business Report (483916) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (92521) **11.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (53645) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (53867) **1.30** Target (54596) **2.30** Roving Report (80138) **3.30** The Lords (80409) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (9732) **5.00** Live at Five (69935) **6.30** Roving Report (98157) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (5931) **8.30** Target (54374) **10.30** Roving Report (81206) **11.30** ABC News (77515) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (89130) **1.30** ABC News (63975) **2.30** Target (83833) **3.30** ABC News (74130) **4.30** The National Gallery (17284) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (96710)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (18848)
8.00 Aces High (1976). Malcolm McDowell in first world war flying drama (13886)
10.00 Superman III (1983): Christopher Reeve as the caped crusader (68124225)
12.05pm The Last Remake of Beau Geste (1977): Foreign Legion spoof (635409)
2.00 Mr Destiny (1990): James Belushi lives an alternative life (562003)
3.50 Lonely in America (1990). Comedy about an Indian in New York (267577)
5.30 Xposure. Film news (7138)
6.00 Buddy's Song (1990): Roger Daltrey helps Chesney Hawkes's band (34480)
8.00 Look Who's Talking (1989): John Travolta babysits for Kirstie Alley (46225)
10.00 The Perfect Weapon (1991): Martial arts thriller (8535799)
11.25 Strangers (1991): James Healey has an affair with a psychotic woman (296138)
12.55am Leather Jackets (1990): Urban drama starring Bridget Fonda (653420)
2.30 Love Hurts (1990): A wedding rekindles family feuds (968826)
4.15 Project S (1988) An anti-terrorist device falls into the wrong hands (863178). Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.15pm Niagara (1952). A bride tries to murder her husband on their honeymoon. Starring Marilyn Monroe (91178867)
6.00 Raid on Rommel (1971): Richard Burton leads an assault on Tobruk (18480)
8.00 Iron Eagle (1986): Jason Gedrick steals an F-16 fighter jet to rescue his kidnapped father (20225)
10.00 ... And Justice for All (1979). Al Pacino stars as an idealistic lawyer (70428). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am Walk in the Spring Rain (1970): Ingrid Bergman has an affair (63603428)
8.45 Mr Smith Goes to Washington (1939, b/w): Starring James Stewart (27371480)
11.00 Lies My Father Told Me (1975): A boy idolises his grandfather (44138)
1.00pm High Noon (1952, b/w): Gary Cooper confronts a gunfighter (95480)
3.00 Sarah, Plain and Tall (1991). Glenn Close answers farmer Christopher Walken's advertisement for a wife (48003)
5.00 Woman With a Past (1992): Pamela Reed is arrested for armed robbery (65848)
7.00 For Better or For Worse (1990). Comedy about a newly-wed couple (14003)
9.00 Let Him Have It (1991): Fact-based drama about Derek Bentley, hanged for the murder of a policeman in 1952 (43138)
11.00 Alice (1990): Mia Farrow has an affair with Joseph Mantegna (650480)
12.50am Darkman (1990): Disfigured scientist Liam Neeson seeks revenge (676371)
2.30 Backstreet Dreams (1991): Hoodlum Jason O'Malley wants a better life (966468)
4.15 Man of a Thousand Faces (1957) Biopic of Lon Chaney. Starring James Cagney (581352). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Fishing the West (36751) **7.00** Rugby League Academy (76867) **9.00** Jack High (99436) **10.00** Goals on Sunday (55374) **11.00** The Club Show: Norwich City (48119) **11.30** Netbusters (49848) **12.00** Motor World (78751) **12.30pm** NHRA Drag Racing Today (18867) **1.00** WWF Mania (46802) **2.00** Super Sunday — Preview (78848) **4.00** Super Sunday. Norwich City v Blackburn Rovers (5503) **6.00** Super Sunday — Talkback (26886) **7.00** The Big League (67119) **9.00** US PGA Golf (92428) **11.00** German League Football (98022) **1.00am** Super Sunday (as 4pm) (20218081) **3.15-6.00** One-Day International Cricket. India v England (72267159)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Euroscores Magazine (60732) **8.30** Trans World Sport (47461) **9.30** Speed Skating (7674312) **10.20** Alpine Skiing (8983003) **11.30** Bobsleigh (524577) **2.00pm** Nordic Skiing (53428) **3.00** Tennis ATP Tour (91119) **5.00** Euroscores Magazine (1929190) **5.05** Alpine Skiing (5177935) **6.00** Nordic Skiing (11954) **7.00** Tennis: Ladies' WTA Tour (65515) **9.00** Tennis ATP Tour (87596) **11.00** Euroscores Magazine (58596) **11.30-12.00** Eurofun Magazine (41683)

SCREENSPORT
6.00am Cycling Tour of Taiwan (91409) **7.00** PGA Golf: Turespana Masters (74409) **9.00** Pro Box (35022) **11.00** European Snooker: John Parrott v Alan McManus (84770) **1.00pm** PGA Golf: Turespana Masters (46138) **3.00** Purex Tennis (80480) **4.30** NBA Basketball (70577) **6.30** Boxing News (38799) **7.30** Gillette Sports (5577) **8.00** Tennis: Final of the Purex championship (91799) **10.00** Top Match Football (99454) **11.30** PGA Golf: Turespana Masters (88645) **12.30-1.00am** NBA Action (31410)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38653003) **6.15** Button Moon (38681886) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1480157) **7.00** Hot Dog (3613374) **7.30** Owl TV (3632409) **8.00** Lassie (5214206) **8.30** Renegade (5213577) **9.00** Dr Who Omnibus. Spearhead from Space. With Jon Pertwee (4076886) **10.30** Film: Flame in the Streets (1961) starring John Mills and Brenda de Banzie (72539041) **12.15pm** Film: Meet Me in Las Vegas (1956, b/w) starring Dan Dailey (9505206) **2.15** To the Manor Born (6986119) **3.15** The Bill Omnibus (13446190) **5.30** Wuthering Heights (1436645) **6.30** The District Nurse (3132848) **7.00** Sorry! (7031138) **7.30** To the Manor Born (3121732) **8.00** To Serve Them All My Days (3936480) **9.00** Film: The Woman in Red (1984) with Gene Wilder and Kelly Le Brock (6529567) **10.30** Ripping Yarns (5227770) **11.00** Alas Smith and Jones (2929503) **11.30-1.30am** In Concert: Pet Shop Boys — It Shouldn't Happen Here (9472664)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Patterns of Consumption — The Affluent and the Poor
6.55 Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Mozart (Symphony No 32 in G); Korngold (Symphonic Serenade); Debussy (*Iberia, Images*); Respighi (*Pines of Rome*), Suk (*A Fairy Tale Suite, Raduz and Mahulena*)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning. Grieg (Prelude, Sarabande and Rigaudon, Holberg Suite); Nielsen (Helios Overture); Artist of the Week: Mstislav Rostropovich conducts Tchaikovsky (Andante cantabile), Bach, arr Swingle (Fugue in C minor, Well-Tempered Clavier, Bk I), Marcello (Oboe Concerto in C minor); Borodin (Polovtsian Dances, Prince Igor); Mozart (Andante and Variations, K501); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor); Handel (Ballet music, Il Pastor Fido); Glinka (*Cradle Song*); Ives (Variations on America); Byrd (Laudibus in Sanctis); Lefebure-Wely (Sortie in E flat); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E minor, *From the New World*)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Handel and Opera Seria. Donald Burrows and George Pratt discuss why Handel's most important music is the least performed
1.00pm News
1.05 Replay A talk from the BBC sound archives by Prince Antoine Bibesco on Marcel Proust
1.25 From the Proms 1992: BBC Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaka, with Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano, Richard Stoltzman, clarinet, performs Stravinsky (Fireworks), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor). **2.10** Interval Reading. **2.15** Takemitsu (Fantasma/Cantos); Stravinsky (Suite, *The Firebird*) (r)
3.00 Edington Music Festival. A choral sequence for Lent on the theme of martyrdom recorded last summer in the Priory Church, Edington, Wiltshire
4.00 Towards the Millennium: Peter Donohoe, piano, plays Busoni (Toccata); Prokofiev (Sonata No 5, Op 38); Bartók (Sonata). **4.45** Kiki — Queen of Montparnasse. George Melly revisits the Parisian haunts of this 1920s icon. **5.05** Ives (Varied airs and variations); Messiaen (Preludes Nos 4 and 6); Schoenberg (Five Pieces, Op 23); Gershwin (Song Book)
6.15 Hermit Songs: Emma Kirkby, soprano, and Anthony Rooley, lute, perform Dowland's songs to poetry by Sir Henry Lea
6.30 Gyorgy Pauk and Ralph Kirshbaum, violin and cello, perform Prokofiev (Sonata for solo violin, Op 115); Bach (Cello Suite No 1 in G, BWV 1007); Ravel (Sonata for violin and cello) (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: The Butcher of Baghdad
● CHOICE: The title of John Spurling's play has a quadruple relevance. Saddam Hussein is unmistakably the template for the 20th century Gulf republic president (Brian Glover) and both the 8th-century calif (Edward de Souza) and butcher (Keith Drinkel) who are cunningly linked by the story-telling of the updated Scheherazade (Jenny Funnell). If Spurling's aim was to show that evil can go on replicating itself, he has succeeded admirably. But, with Hussein still sporting his butcher's apron and the Gulf war still fresh in our minds, the play inevitably loses much of its *raison d'être*
9.05 Rostropovich conducts Britten: In a concert given earlier this evening in the Barbican Hall, London, the London Symphony Orchestra continues its *Festival of Britten*. Simple Symphony, Piano Concerto (Barry Douglas); Les Illuminations (Lynda Russell, soprano) and Sinfonia da Requiem. Including at **10.05** Interval Reading
11.00 Teares and Passionate Pavans: The Consort of Musicke under Anthony Rooley plays music from Dowland's Lachrymae
11.20 Music in Our Time, presented by Michael Gorodecki
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News: *Morning Has Broken*, incl Bells on Sunday from Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Robert Forster meets auctioneer Mike Credland at Gloucester market **7.40** Sunday **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Desmond Wilcox speaks for *the Week's Good Cause* about the work of Headway, National Head Injuries Association **8.55** Weather **9.00 News**
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from the Rhondda valley in south Wales
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, presented by Melanie Phillips
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the theatre, opera and television director Elijah Moshinsky **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members and employees of the Institute of Arable Crop Research at Rothamsted Experimental Station in Hertfordshire put their questions to the experts. Chairman Clay Jones
2.30 Classic Serial: Persuasion, by Jane Austen. With Juliet Stevenson as Anne Elliot
3.30 The Radio Programme: Laurie Taylor acts as a reporter for Radio 4's *Today* programme
4.00 News; Analysis: Greening World Trade (r)
4.47 The Wedge Between Us: Dr Irving Finkel of the British Museum deciphers the secrets of wedge writing
5.00 News; From the 'Pool to 100 Plus a Fish: Stowe School. George Melly's autobiographical journey (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! Simon Rae presents extracts from Longfellow's *Hiawatha* **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Feedback, presented by Chris Dunkley (r)
6.30 Jack's Last Tape
● CHOICE: Towards the end of his life, the novelist and short story writer Jack Trevor Story lived out a lonely existence in an old farmhouse, surrounded by mementos of happier days. When the fancy took him, he committed random thoughts into a tape-recorder or listened to recordings of radio interviews he gave at the height of his fame. He had known many women, but could not recall saying anything tender to any of them. This sad *apologia pro vita sua* is occasionally lit by flashes of Micawberish expectation
7.00 Nearest and Dearest: Uncles, Aunts and Cousins. Anne Brown investigates the relevance of the extended family
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to the American author Armistead Maupin (r)
8.00 A Taste of ... Portuguese: Ray Gosling, accompanied by Professor Clive Willis, meets Eugenio Lisboa and the staff of the Banco do Brasil (London) (r)
8.30 Goodbye to All That: Simon Parkes visits the artists' colony of TriBeCa in New York
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by Jessica Holm (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 In Search of Utopia: Felicity Goodall meets people who have grown up in ideological communities
11.00 In Committee, presented by Rob Orchard
11.30 Seeds of Faith: To mark the thirtieth anniversary of the publication of *Honest to God*, Canon Eric James remembers its author, John Robinson, the Bishop of Woolwich
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. **Radio 2:** FM-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** FM-90.2-92.4 **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m. FM-92.4-94.6. **Radio 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m, FM 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **World Service:** MW 648kHz/463m. **Classic FM:** FM-100-102.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** The Great Debate: Liz Kershaw explores the future of music radio in Britain **4.00** The UK Top 40 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (FM only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Colin Semper **9.05** John Sachs presents Much More Music **10.30** Brian Hayes on Sunday **12.00-7.00pm** The Vintage Years: Desmond Carrington; **2.00pm** Benny Green; **3.00** Alan Dell; **4.00** Stars of the Fifties; **4.30** Sing Something Simple; **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker with Melodies for You **8.30** Sunday Half Hour **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: Frank Delaney talks to the author Sir Kingsley Amis **12.05am** Nick Barraclough's New Country (r) **12.35** Charles Nove **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm**. **8.00am** World Service **8.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** The Unopened Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **10.00** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.30pm** Simon Fanshawe's Sunday Brunch **1.40** Open Forum **2.00** Money Talk **2.30** They Think It's All Over **3.00** Sunday Sport, including commentary on Norwich v Blackburn **6.00** A Century Remembered **6.30** Education Matters (r) **7.00** Sportsdesk **7.20** Open University: Maths Miscellany; **7.40** Art Works; **8.00** Arts Foundation Course. **8.20** Social Sciences — Running the Country; **8.40** Maths — Binomials and Trigonometry; **9.00** Open Forum; **9.20** Literature in the Modern World; **9.40** Modern Art **10.10** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport **3.25** Cricket: India v England, fourth one-day international

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Review **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** News: Europe This Weekend **5.55** European Sport **6.00** News **6.15** Letter from America **6.30** Programmes in French **7.00** News **7.30** From Our Own Correspondent **7.50** Write On **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Classics with Kay **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Review **9.15** Short Story: Supper Before We Go **9.30** Folk Routes **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Science in Action **10.30** In Praise of God **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and British Press Review in German **Noon** News **12.01pm** Play of the Week: In the Native State (1) **1.00** News **2.01** It's Your World Phone-Ins **3.00** News **3.15** International Recital **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Review **5.15** Club 648 **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** News **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** Folk Routes **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Review **11.15** Classics with Kay **Midnight** News **12.30am** In Praise of God **1.01** What's News? **1.15** After Independence **1.45** News **2.30** Composer of the Month: Beethoven **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sport **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** The Brain

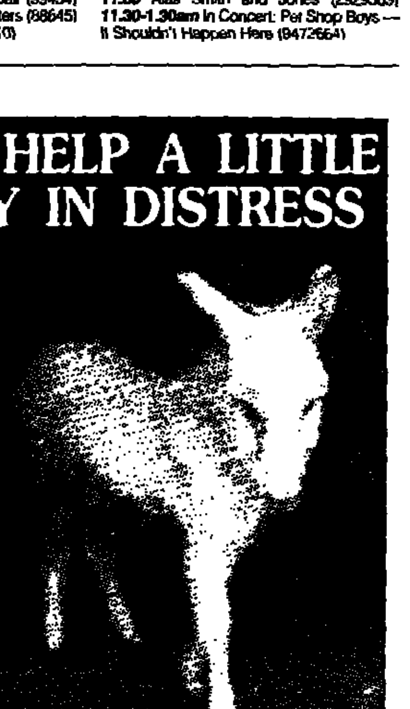
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Pot shots and a shot at Potter

Lynne Truss on the olfactory hallucinations of *Sounds of the Seventies*, *The Art of Tripping* and *Lipstick on Your Collar*



I HAD this peculiar experience while watching last week's *Sounds of the Seventies* (BBC2). It taught me a lesson about the potency of cheap music. On the screen, one after another, came those forgotten rock bands — Free, Yes, Jethro Tull, and so on — and I was just doing my usual *Sounds of the Seventies* thing of shouting, "Hey, I saw this performed at the Albert Hall!" and grinning like an idiot, when suddenly the evocation simply went too far. I could smell marijuana. I sniffed and held my breath. It was dope, all right: strong, unmistakable, paranormal. And it was in my living-room.

I stopped jigging about on the sofa, and thought quickly. Either the restless ghost of an old, tattooed hippie had just picked on me for a surprise visit (unlikely), or I had genuinely been transported by the music, just cheap old rock music, to another time and place — the Lyceum, perhaps, circa 1971. For a few seconds I hardly dared to move. Partly I didn't want to break the spell, but also I had an unbearable misgiving that perhaps I was wearing a three-button vest, in which case I would have to scream.

It is not often that television has this effect. Usually, if you start experiencing olfactory hallucinations, it is not a good sign, and it is best to switch over to *Casualty* at once. Anyway, the sensation did not recur. I watched the first hour of *Without Walls: The Art of Tripping* (Channel 4, concluding part on Tuesday) to see if the subject — writers and drugs since 1800 — would shed light on my experience, but there seem to have been few recorded instances of famous poets tripping by means of television, so it didn't.

TV REVIEW

The Art of Tripping was an artily made programme, fronted by the actor Bernard Hill looking ruggedly intellectual in little wire specs and collarless shirt. Hill was our guide, our Virgil, in the realms of narcomania, and we travelled with him (by lift, I don't know why) through umpteen interchangeable 19th-century interiors (potted-palms, flock wallpaper) and listened respectfully while historical experts talked, one after another, about the fascinating drug habits of de Quincey and Poe.

These experts, incidentally, had evidently been directed to address their remarks to a point somewhere to the far right of the camera: a tricksy device with no perceptible advantages. The next morning you could spot people who had watched *The Art of Tripping*, because they walked with their heads bent sideways at a funny angle, as if trying in vain to catch someone's eye.

Anyway, it didn't let up. An actor dressed up as Baudelaire referred to drugs as "the elasticators of the imagination"; a quote from Aldous Huxley complained of the "reducing valve of the mind". Yet there was nothing in *The Art of Tripping* that did not confirm one's worst prejudices about drug-taking being the most boring thing in the world. Where was the great art produced from these wonderful elasticating trips? Forgotten in an instant when the person from Porlock went rat-tat-tat on the front door.

True, *The Art of Tripping* left no stoned person unturned, but this somehow only made matters worse, being an uncomfortable reminder of how the average cosmonaut-of-inner-space is like a dog with a bone once he gets started.

Talking of dogs with bones, what of Dennis Potter's new six-part serial, *Lipstick on Your Collar* (Channel 4, Sundays)? Here he is again, worrying and tearing at the scrappy strips of flesh on that old stand-by theme of repression versus imagination, and (to straddle metaphors) finding in cheap music the only serviceable means of blasting the valve between the two. That's Potter, all right. And love it, hate it, what you gonna do?

Lipstick was at once drearily familiar (oh, no, not the old lip-sync routines again) yet incredibly powerful. In 1989, a critic complained of the ill-conceived *Blackeyes* that it made you feel claustrophobic and agoraphobic at the same time. It was a perfect description of why Potter's stuff drives you crazy, why it is so difficult to like, or dislike, or ultimately dismiss from your mind.



Potter's army: (l to r) Ewan McGregor, Clive Francis, Nicholas Jones, Carrie Leigh, Peter Jeffrey, Nicholas Farrell and Douglas Henshall

We are in "the War Office, in 1956". Suez is brewing, but nobody knows it yet. The room, around which eight solid wooden desks are ranged, is vast, the sort of space that can accommodate two double-deckers, and still leave room for a giraffe. Seven men, civilian-suited but of army rank and demeanour, silently shuffle papers, sharpen pencils, ignore each other. All is quiet. "Bum holes," Major Hedges (Clive Francis) announces, and nobody looks up. Perhaps it's the first time he has ever said it. But perhaps he says it all the time.

He repeats it with relish: "Bum holes say I, in the plural." The viewer, familiar with the work (and anal fixations) of Potter, starts to fidget, embarrassed. "Ah, I see," Hedges continues aloud and with emphasis, "no one interested in my state of mind this bright morn. Now why is that, do you think? Mmm? Do you consider, perhaps, that I am being provocative? Is that it? Eh? Or boring, even?"

Is this the writer announcing himself? Of course it is. And as if to rub it in, he makes the scene tiresomely long, going on for ever, provocative and boring, both.

Young Private Hopper (Ewan McGregor) looks at the clock and thinks, "Roll on, roll bloody on", and the viewer knows exactly how he feels. And then he escapes into a personal imaginative world in which (what else?) he lip-syncs "The Great Pretender", by the Platters ("They say I'm the great pretender/adrift in a world of my own"), and all the majors and colonels get up and dance while still in character, which is quite surprising but, then again, not as surprising as it was the first time.

We continue. Blah, blah, more office stuff. Giggles are suppressed ("Less noise there!"), and a clock strikes the quarter. Hedges says "Bum holes" again. Then Hopper gets horny (male lust being another favourite Potter theme) and pictures "Earth Angel" by the Crewcuts, so the senior officers all obligingly get up and dance another routine, this time with the assistance of a near-naked woman, who, to judge from her seductive manner (and fig-leaf), is probably not the tea lady.

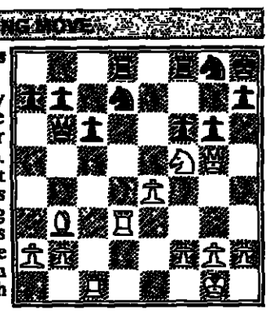
They really work for their money, these military types. There are two more show-stoppers before the day is done, yet they never complain. Perhaps this up-down, up-down business is a clever wrinkle on the old complaint that office life is full of routines. But on the other hand, if anything were designed to discredit Potter's favourite alienating device, this unrelenting series of straight-faced boo-wup clap-those-hands choruses was definitely it.

I somehow doubt that anyone watching *Lipstick on Your Collar* was suddenly overwhelmed by the nostalgic scent of Brylcreem or Cherry Blossom boot polish. What this series most powerfully evokes is the distinctive Potter lavatorial reek, which sounds like an insult but is obviously exactly how he likes it.

If only Potter had got into drugs, like Baudelaire, and elasticated himself. Watch out for the scene ... tomorrow's episode when bully-boy Corporal Berry shoves someone's head in a toilet, unflushed and recently used. Enjoy "Blueberry Hill", sung to mounds of dirty Andrex. And just be thankful that "Smell TV" never really caught on.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



World champion Gary Kasparov has always cited the great champion Alexander Alekhine as his chess hero. Kasparov has said that Alekhine's combinations "came like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky". Today's position is from the game Alekhine — Lasker, Zurich 1934. How did white finish off?

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Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 ... Qxc3+. The winners are: E. Johnson, Thornbury; A. Byrne, Bolton; P. Lovett, London SW6.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

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a. Repeatedly spilling
b. A computer syntax error
c. A type of hydro-electricity

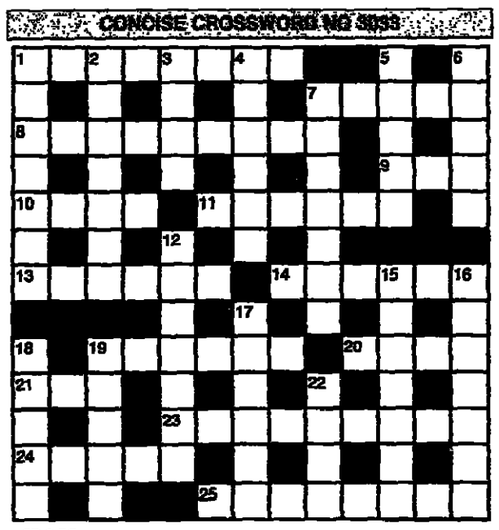
ETOURDERIE
a. A crowd of fans
b. Thoughtlessness
c. A midden

LANGSUIR
a. A female vampire
b. Running with long strides
c. A medieval German landlord

POSTUREPEDIC
a. An osteopathically correct mattress
b. Vain about one's feet
c. Foot-painting

Answers on page 19

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3033



ACROSS
1 Withdraw (4,4)
7 Collision (5)
8 Dilatory type (9)
9 At this moment (3)
10 Surmounting (4)
11 Light refreshments (6)
13 Right of access (6)
14 Red letter rules (6)
19 Charming (6)
20 Wood knot (4)
21 Armed conflict (3)
23 Rome-Brindisi road (6,3)
24 Vitamin C fruit (5)
25 Part-exchanged (6,2)

DOWN
1 Grazing land (7)
2 Ship's watcher (7)
3 B-minor Mass composer (4)
4 Crevice (6)
5 Pre-wedding declarations (5)
6 Shoulder wrap (5)
7 Investigate (5,2)
12 Old soldier (7)
15 Recommenced (7)
16 Continue (5,2)
17 Torpor (6)
18 Guzzle (5)
19 Period of vigour (5)
22 Celtic poet (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3032

ACROSS: 7 Coop 8 Loophole 9 Strain 10 Please 11 Lash 12 High dive 15 Adam's rib 17 Dart 18 Cherub 21 Yaffle 22 Very soon 23 Cone

DOWN: 1 Port Said 2 Splash 3 Clincher 4 Soup 5 Thread 6 Alps 13 Go beyond 14 Vera Lynn 16 Martyr 17 Deface 19 Heed 20 Blot

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Men behaving badly — again

TV PREVIEW

● **40 Minutes: Away the Lads**
(Tuesday, BBC2, 9.50pm)

I feel as though I have seen this British Yobs Abroad documentary before, but I suppose it's impossible, *Lynne Truss writes*. Anyway, *40 Minutes* follows nine young blokes through their fortnight in Benidorm, to give us (presumably) The Holiday from Hell. You know the scene: drinking, bonding, behaving badly, an "orgy of loutishness" *(Radio Times)*. Apparently this behaviour is interpreted as an essential escape valve for the drabness and misery of their everyday lives, but that surely doesn't excuse it from being so incredibly limited and predictable.

Away the Lads is bound to make interesting television, and the BBC expects it to be controversial. Yet in some ways its subject is curiously out of time. Even five years ago, such a close-up study of binge-ing and bird-ogling would have been a real shocker, but with so much of television now reflecting precisely the same camcorder culture, it will surely cause hardly a ripple of surprise. I remember a time when one could watch stuff like this and think, "Why did these people agree to be filmed?" But the question now seems merely quaint. The spectacle of ordinary people behaving badly on television has become so commonplace that it may soon be regarded as a democratic right.

● **Mr Wroe's Virgins: Episode 2**
(Wednesday, BBC2, 9.25pm)

If anybody ever researches the effect of television trailers on a viewer's preconceptions, *Mr Wroe's Virgins* would be a useful case study. It looked dreadful; a mass of costume drama clichés all pointing towards a well-travelled dramatic territory, in which Mr Wroe (Jonathan Pryce), a charismatic 1830s prophet in a shovel hat, entertained naughty, lascivious intentions where his seven crisply laundered handmaidens were concerned, while miscreants of his apocalyptic sect were beaten, bare-bottomed (and presumably loving it) with bunches of twigs.

Yet the full story is much more interesting and enigmatic than that, and, in fact, the territory is a peculiar little historical corner familiar only to readers of Jane Rogers's novel, on which this series is based. Mr Wroe, a real person, was exceptional in many ways, but mainly in believing that Ashton-under-Lyne was the New Jerusalem, and that Britain was the home of the lost tribes of Israel. Hence all the old coves with ringlets and funny hats, who mislead you into thinking that *Mr Wroe's Virgins* is set in the 17th century.

It may add to one's enjoyment of *Mr Wroe's Virgins*, incidentally, to know that one of his strikingly accurate prophecies was that "a light shall break forth out of this place where I stand, which shall enlighten the whole town, with a light also to enlighten the Gentiles" — and blow me, if they didn't erect a gasworks on the very spot.

GUILTY SECRETS

Tony Banks, MP



"I ONLY get to watch about an hour of television in a normal working week, but I feel I should be watching more to keep abreast of things that concern and entertain the people I represent. I don't watch political programmes, such as *Question Time*. If I watch someone else on television, giving an opinion, I'll either be fundamentally disagreeing with them, and that's bad for my blood pressure, or I'll be agreeing with them but thinking they've missed out some vital point, and that's just as frustrating. *Cheers* is a great show to watch on Friday evenings when I get back from my advice surgery feeling acutely depressed."

Band of hope plays it ultra cool



A thick, damp mist of incoherence wreathes the Bettie Serveert group



Lacerated heart: Carol van Dijk will not discuss her demons

THE premise runs as follows: Holland is not a cool country. The scenery is famous for being amazingly flat 'n' bicycle-friendly, pollution-free, and filled with phenomenally well-educated citizens who produce tulips and novelty clogs and red cheeses that smell like the insides of very old wellington boots.

Everyone's too polite and, well, too *sensible* to want to have any truck with something as ephemeral as "cool", especially if it involves wearing silly trousers and listening to loud music in sweaty basements.

Yes, The Netherlands has been a distinctly hard place for the cute little devil of rock'n'roll to get a foothold. Until the Bettie Serveert's Carol van Dijk had her heart lacerated several times, and wailed out the emotional pus on the band's début LP, *Palomine*.

But even now, after a sizeable part of virgin rainforest has been mulched down to be splashed with hysterical music-press effusions, and with, as Berend Dubbe puts it, "every major record company in the world" waving cheques at it, Bettie Serveert is cool only by default. Peter Visser pogoes and bunny-hops on stage like the Manic Street Preachers, but without the irony. Visser and Dubbe wear ultra-nasty NHS-style glasses. And a significant proportion of the four-strong band used to shop for clothes at C&A. I won't reveal which ones.

So where did all this pain come from that makes you so cool? With all these songs about regret and longing and hoping, there must be demons the size of Nebraska waiting to be exorcised from van Dijk's psyche. But if there are, she doesn't want to talk about them. Bands — unless as fabulously lippy as Suede — don't like to discuss what their songs are about. They've spent so long spinning out their words and emotions into filigree ultra-statement, it's stupid to request the rephrasing of the meaning. It's like unravelling a jumper to make a sheep.

"Just because we're in a band doesn't mean that we should be asked all these personal questions about our love lives or our feelings or whatever," van Dijk says. She doesn't like being interviewed. She fiddles with her fingers, looks out of the window, wanders around the room like it's too small: like the whole *building's* too small. "And we do get asked some dumb questions. Journalists still ask me what it's like being a girl in a band. What's that supposed to mean?" She twitches with irritation.

And so it's left to the listener to guess what something like "Brain Tag" means. "*I feel familiar but I wanna feel some more/Well have I ever laid my hands on you before?*" van Dijk howls. Guilt about falling in love with a friend? Hyping yourself up to make the first move? Either way, it's wreathed around with a thick, damp mist of incoherence: making it easier for you to submerge your own melancholy with hers.

So what of the band *are* we allowed to know? They were all brought up in small towns — van Dijk was a "wallflower". Dubbe was a "nerd". Visser was a hippy art student, who wrote eight books of "lies about the Beatles", and Herman Bunskoeke dripped his growly, prowly tones into voice-overs for ads.

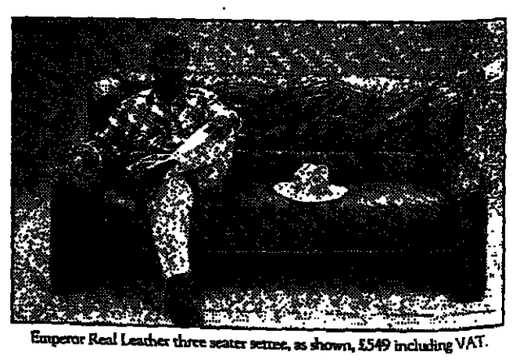
"They called me in whenever they needed an intimate, caressing voice," Bunskoeke says. So what ads did you do? "Oh, one for Bailey's Irish Cream, one for an unpronouncable beer — which you shouldn't drink because it's really terrible stuff — and toys. I did lots and lots of toy ads." So did he receive crates and crates of beer for free? "No." Not even a couple of free toys which he could have given to poor and needy children in need? "No." What a harsh place the world is sometimes, to be sure.

So finally: are you, Bettie Serveert, a cool band? One member of the band answers. I won't reveal who. "I guess over here, in England, we are. A bit. Back in Holland they ignore us. But if you are asking if we as people are cool, well ... It's kind of universal knowledge that the first Genesis and Yes albums are the epitome of anti-cool. And I have both those albums. *And I like them.*" I think that answers my question.

CAITLIN MORAN

● *Bettie Serveert is on tour with Dinosaur Jnr and Come. You can catch them tonight at the Brixton Academy, southwest London (071-326 1022) — but tickets are selling fast. Palomine is on the Guernica, the mighty 4AD's offshoot label.*

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